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by Abebe Feyissa
with Rebecca Horn

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EXSILIUM

LOVE AND DEATH MAY DRIVE MOST OF THE important stories we tell each other, but exile isn't far behind as an engine of significant human narrative. In the Bible, for one important example, exile makes its dramatic entrance in Genesis 3, just behind Adam, Eve, and the serpent: "Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the Garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man."

A few chapters later, it's Cain's turn to be rendered rootless, then Noah's to be sundered from the world he knows and floated off with his menagerie and fractious sons to Mount Ararat. Then comes Abraham's eviction: "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto the land that I will show thee," says God. Then Hagar, Ishmael, Jacob (fleeing to avoid Esau's anger at Jacob's rendering *him* a displaced older son) are made refugees in rapid succession. And a few chapters later, all of Israel's fate pivots when Joseph is sold into Egypt, eventually to be followed into that exile by his large family, its members cast from their tents by famine, not to return until Moses arrives on the scene to finally take the tribes home and, in one of the more terrible expressions of exile in the Bible, to die while gazing at the promised land from a mountain top.

Meanwhile (so to speak), 750 miles to the northwest of Mount Nebo, the Greeks—the other half of the querulous but enduring mixed marriage that we refer to as Western civilization—were themselves awash in heart-wrenching stories of exile: Helen dragged off to Troy, and bringing down those towers; prideful Odysseus forced to spend a decade tacking his yearning way home to Ithaca; the exiled Oedipus simmering in Corinth until he can return home to kill his father and marry his mother; the exiled Orestes simmering in Phocis until he can return home to kill his murderous mother and her lover.

As exile is most often induced by privation, political chaos, and cruelty, and as the post-Edenic world has never been short of any of these flavorings, there's no historical period that lacks its banished or their poignant stories: from Ovid, Cicero, and Boethius, to Muhammad, Dante, and Petrarch (his family exiled from Florence by the same thugs that had expelled Dante), to Rousseau, Byron, and Napoleon, to Mann, Freud, and Einstein, to—in recent years—Khomeini, Brodsky, and El Duque.

Some eras, however, have been particularly flush. Rome under its worst despots, for example, was so productive of

exiles that the empire's mandarins were stimulated to develop a typology of expulsion that included three genres: *exsilium*, *relatio*, and *deportatio*. (The first distinguished from the second in that it included the loss of citizenship as well as locale, and the last distinguished from the previous two in that it included the use of chains during transport.) And *exsilium* and *relatio* were themselves blessed with subspecies. In the case of the former they were, in order of awfulness, banishment *from* a particular place, banishment *to* a particular place, and banishment to an island (not Capri or Santa Catalina, presumably).

No era, however, could hope to compete with the century that just closed and its estimated 100 million-plus "displaced persons," a phrase that had to be invented during those hundred years along with equivocations such as "concentration camp," "ethnic cleansing" and "internal displacement."

AS IT HAPPENS MY FOUR GRANDPARENTS WERE among those 100 million. Fleeing a variety of poverties and tyrannies, they landed in the United States as young men and women, and never recovered from the displacement, never quite caught up with the punch lines, the utility of avocados, the signals in the shadow of the catcher's mitt, but remained to their last days somewhat wistful onlookers at the American fair, shy and lost in what Victor Hugo called "the long dream of home."

Czeslaw Milosz, who as a consequence of his antipathy to totalitarian regimes spent most of his adult life writing poems and essays in Polish beside San Francisco Bay, understood the havoc wreaked by exile, the way it tatters memory and language and heart. In a sequence of poems called "The Separate Notebooks," he writes

I had a dream of return. Multi-colored, joyous, I was able to fly.

And the trees were even higher than in childhood, because they had been growing during all the years since they had been cut down.

The aching poets of Israel and Greece would have understood.

Our cover story, written by one of the 33 million refugees that our new century already harbors, and drawn from a book produced and edited by Boston College's David Hollenbach, SJ, begins on page 40. —BEN BIRNBAUM

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LETTERS

SING, MUSE

I enjoyed the gloss by David Gill, SJ, of the *Iliad* as a poem for the ages ("The Great Poem," Winter 2008). I too struggled with the poem during my high school years, Liddell and Scott's Greek-English lexicon in hand, rend(er)ing it into a most unpoetic English. Richmond Lattimore's translation (1951) helped me appreciate the onomatopoeia that my horrendous pronunciation would not allow me to capture. But the whole of the poem, its passion and its humanity, escaped me until I got into anthropology, long after my undergraduate years were over.

As a young graduate student, I was watching *Dead Birds*, Robert Gardner's 1965 documentary about the Harvard-Peabody Expedition to the New Guinea Highlands, when, instead of Dani warriors lined up along the no-man's land between two feuding villages, I saw Menelaus and Hector, Achilles, Patroclus, and Aeneas, the Myrmidons and Dardanians. The passion, the lines of glistening warriors taunting each other, the single combats, the women and children cheering from afar, all brought the *Iliad*, its characters and situations, rushing back to me.

My present appreciation of the poem stems from that epiphany (though I've since learned that Gardner's film took liberties with the events it portrayed). I have read the poem differently ever since, my understanding tempered by the knowledge that it was originally sung and psychologically worn by the people who experienced it.

Tom Riley '65
Fargo, North Dakota

The writer is dean of the college of arts, humanities, and social sciences at North Dakota State University.

It was a special treat to read Fr. Gill's article on the *Iliad*. I took the liberty of sharing it with several members of our new core curriculum faculty group. We read Homer during freshman year

at Sacred Heart, so Fr. Gill's thoughts were most timely, and the faculty members were pleased to have his perspective.

David G. Rice '66
Fairfield, Connecticut

The writer is associate vice president for academic affairs at Sacred Heart University.

I want to congratulate David Gill, SJ, on his fine article. Reading the *Iliad* in his class was a pleasure, and I know that many portions of that great book will never leave me. Now a lawyer in private practice with a civil litigation firm, I love what I do, and I have never regretted my degree in history and classics—it helps me each day. I hope that students continue to follow their hearts and interests and study the liberal arts rather than simply choose a business degree solely because of the perception (or misperception) that it will make them more marketable in the modern workforce.

John Mahon '01
St. Louis, Missouri

BACKGROUNDER

Re "Bad News Bearers," by David Reich (Winter 2008): As a reporter, I am glad that the introduction of new media has shaken up the monopolistic tendencies of our major media outlets. The *Rolling Stone* reporter Timothy Crouse discovered that journalism responds to change very slowly: In his 1973 book, *The Boys on the Bus*, Crouse writes about covering the presidential campaign of 1972 from the perspective of the journalistic bubble.

For an enhanced understanding of war reporting, I recommend Philip Knightley's *The First Casualty: The War Correspondent as Hero and Myth-Maker from the Crimea to Iraq*. Published in 1975, with chapters added in subsequent editions, Knightley's book traces the history of war reporting from World War I through Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf War, Yugoslavia in 1999, and post-9/11 Afghanistan and Iraq.

Gene Roman '82
New York, New York

A SUPERFAN'S NOTES

Ben Birnbaum's article "Hard Traveling" (Winter 2008), about the 2007 BC football season, was a nice wrap-up to a very good season, and a reminder that Boston College has established a highly respectable Division I-A football program while maintaining an average graduation rate among the nation's highest. As a big fan of BC sports (sometimes to the chagrin of my wife, Becky), I had a lot of fun watching the team win some pretty big games—against Virginia Tech and Clemson during the regular season, for example.

Success in college football is the product of three simple ingredients—athletic ability, effort, and play calling. The Eagles' 11–3 record resulted from a combination of all three, but each game was an unusual mix of these requirements. Note late-season setbacks at Maryland and at home against a very weak Florida State team. Success next year, under second-year coach Jeff Jagodzinski, will be measured by the coaching staff's ability to adjust play calling to beat strong ACC competition, at home and on the road. I trust they're working on how to establish a reliable running game.

Arnold Sookram, '91
Seattle, Washington

PRESIDENTIAL MEMOIRS

Re "Executive Privilege" by Tim Czerwinski (Winter 2008): When the UGBC presidents and vice presidents of the past 40 years gathered on November 30 and December 1 for a "reunion," I was especially interested in hearing about the times when UGBC chose to become involved in the societal issues of the day. And I was amused to learn of the repeated problem posed for generations of UGBC administrations by the student fee assessed in support of PIRG, the public interest research group started by Ralph Nader. I decided not to mention that I was the one who had invited Mr. Nader to campus to sell the students on this fee—which had seemed like a good idea at the time.

My own UGBC term, which followed my membership on the five-student strike tactics committee in the spring of 1970, was enriched by proximity to adult leaders of conscience. University President W. Seavey Joyce, SJ, for example, chose to live

with students in Haley House to better understand his undergraduates. He took a stand not to call in the police as BC students joined their peers at 500 schools across America in closing their campus down. Fr. Joyce kept what some felt was an unforgivable social contract with those students who opposed the war in Vietnam.

At the reunion, many of my UGBC predecessors and successors spoke of how their experience positively influenced their career choices—yet none of us went into electoral politics. Through the stories they told, it was clear that they had felt blessed by their fellow students—with an opportunity to put their principles to work and with a unique window into the best and worst of human nature.

Timothy Anderson '73
Hull, Massachusetts

The writer was UGBC president in 1971–72. He is the president of World Computer Exchange, which reuses donated computers to connect Third World schools to the Internet.

WE, THE PEOPLE

Re Nancy T. Ammerman's article "Whose Voice? Surveying the Membership of Voice of the Faithful": Being Catholic means that we believe "we are the Church"—each baptized individual. Members of VOTF take this responsibility seriously and are working to transform the Catholic Church into a healthy, morally accountable, and transparent church. To be successful we must inspire more Catholics to embrace this baptismal responsibility.

The Catholic Church has always been filled with people of every socioeconomic level and viewpoint, all rooted in the love that Christ taught us. Leaving the Church and forming a new church, as the progressive Baptists studied by Ammerman did, is not appealing to most Catholics, because to us the Church is not just a set of rules, but rather the people of God. VOTF has consciously chosen to work within the Church for change that brings us closer to following Jesus.

Surveys indicate that young Catholics are drawn to the social justice aspect of the Church. There was a time when the Catholic Church was a moral beacon and led the world in pursuit of just causes. However, the clergy sex abuse crisis and the

manner in which it has been handled by the bishops is a visible example of how the Church has lost its moral compass. To transform the Church, the culture of secrecy and clericalism must be addressed. As Cardinal John Henry Newman said, "The laity is the force that has kept the Church faithful to the truth." This is our job, and we must not fail, if we are to have a healthy Church to leave to future generations.

Mary Pat Fox
New York, New York

From 2006 to early 2008, the writer was Voice of the Faithful's president.

GOT A MATCH?

As the cofounder of a new matchmaking group, Catholic Moms Matchmaking, I was intrigued to see that another BC graduate had started a successful matchmaking group of his own ("Hello, Delhi," Winter 2008). Hats off to Anupam Mittal on his great success with Shaadi.com. I don't know that our new group will hit two million active participants, as Shaadi has, but after a recent article about CMM on Catholic Exchange, we received a thousand hits in one day and gained nearly 80 new members. The Internet has made being a matchmaker a whole lot easier, not to mention a lot of fun.

Leila Miller '89
Phoenix, Arizona

Editor's Note: BCM has been informed by the family of Thomas Devlin that his name will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., for police officers killed in the line of duty. A patrol officer and emergency medical technician with the Boston College Police Department from 1983 to 2004, Devlin died last year at the age of 51 from a lung ailment resulting from exposure to military-grade tear gas released by person or persons unknown in the ventilation system of Edmond's Hall in 1988. (See "For Boston," by Cara Feinberg, Summer 2007). The ceremony is scheduled to take place during a candlelight vigil on May 13.

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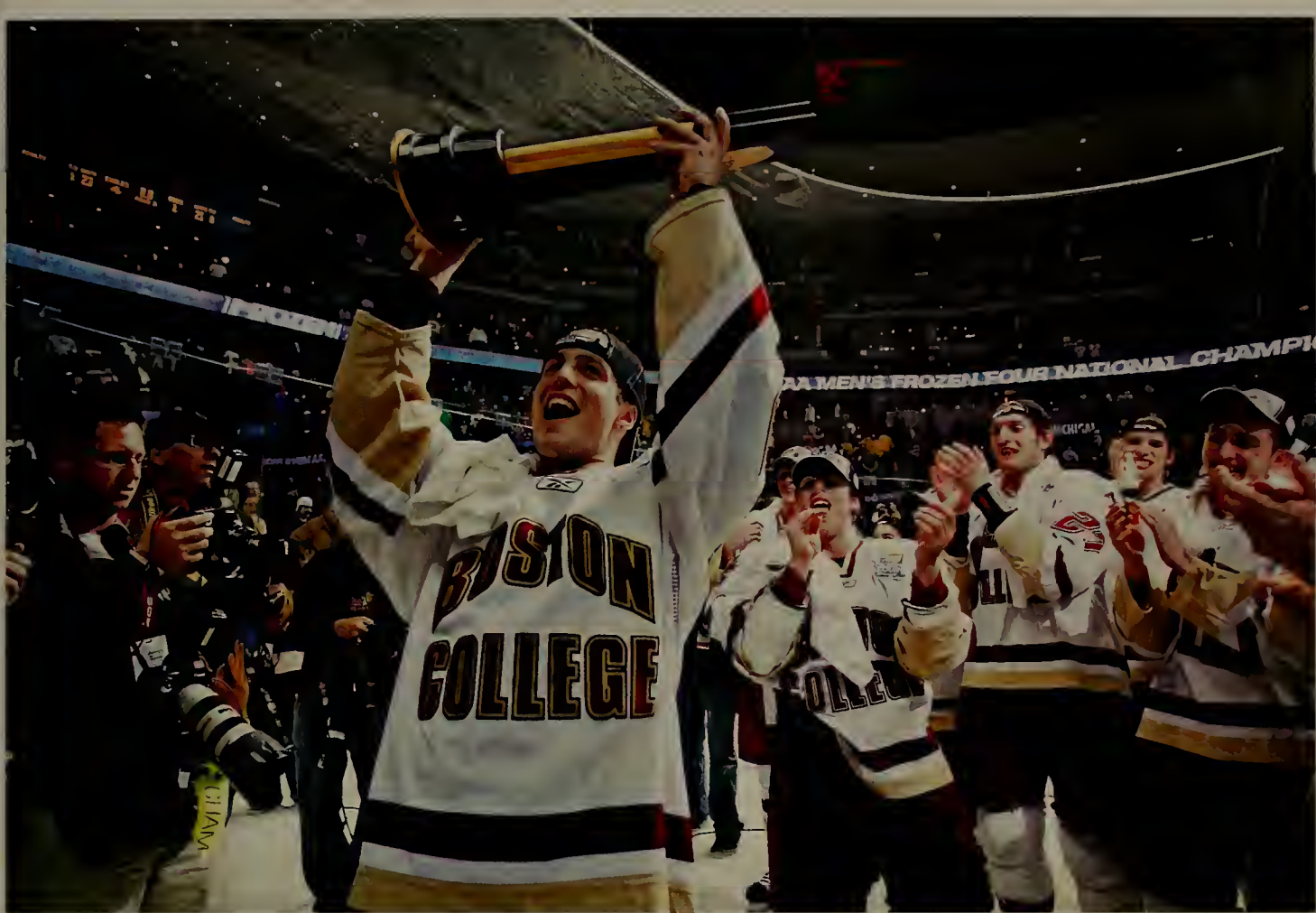
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CAMPUS DIGEST

CSOM Dean Andy Boynton sent an e-mail to some 75 alumni at **Bear Stearns**, offering networking and career assistance from the Alumni Association and the Wall Street Council. ✂ Bioinformatics professor Gabor Marsh and his research team developed software that analyzes genomes **faster and more accurately** than any previously released product. ✂ James Niles-Joyal '08 recited **from memory** the first 3,141 digits of pi at Harvard's Pi Day (3/14, naturally) competition. It took him 50 minutes and 10 seconds. His closest competitor managed 461 numbers. ✂ The Carroll School's Chief Executives' Club of Boston continued its dominance of CEO-event rankings, finishing first domestically and **second in the world** behind the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. Meanwhile, the University itself was ranked first in the state in a corporate reputation survey of 200 Massachusetts business executives. ✂ A zoning ordinance was enacted by Boston that makes it **illegal for a landlord** to rent a dwelling to more than four unrelated "undergraduate students." Landlords are offering a lawsuit. Boston College is offering counsel to affected students. ✂ The University tested one of its new **emergency notification** procedures by sending a text message to some 14,000 personal cell phones that had been registered by students, faculty, and staff. ✂ A **record 30,800** individuals applied for admission to the 2,270-member Class of 2012. ✂

The marching band made its first-ever **appearance on ice** at a men's hockey game in January. No one fell. ✂ A student accidentally triggered a flood of tens of thousands of **endlessly rebounding e-mails** when she sent an electronic query ("Re: Housing near BC") to 13 listservs. Five Facebook groups sprang up in the aftermath, including one plaintively called "Genevieve Ruined My Blackberry." ✂ Also on the **Facebook front**, the accounting department used the social networking service to locate and importune graduates who did not respond to last year's department survey of seniors. Said professor Billy Soo, "Hopefully people don't start to block us out." ✂ Katherine Adam '07 and sociologist Charles Derber published *The New Feminized Majority* (Paradigm, 2008), which began life as a **senior thesis** for which Derber served as advisor. ✂ The *Heights'* **April 1** issue revealed that the Newton Campus had seceded and penned its own fight song, "For Newton"; that disappointing student attendance at basketball games this year had resulted in plans to hold the 2009 season in the Hillside Café; and that Steve Montgomery, the University official who puts the kibosh on off-campus parties, had broken up a local family's Passover Seder after peering through a window and seeing adults and children singing and drinking wine. ✂ The Newton native and heartthrob of *The Office* John Krasinski **revealed to *Parade* magazine** that he might have chosen to attend



CHAMPS—The Boston College men's hockey team, led by Coach Jerry York, took home the NCAA national championship on April 12, 2008, beating the University of Notre Dame 4–1 in the Frozen Four final in Denver. The victory followed Beanpot and Hockey East tournament titles. Previous championships were won by the Eagles in 2001 (under York) and 1949. Above, Brock Bradford '09, next year's captain, hoists the trophy in front of teammates (foreground, from left) Nathan Gerbe '09, Andrew Orpik '09, and Tim Kunes '09.

“awesome” Boston College “but did I really want to walk home every afternoon after class?” He attended Brown. ✂ **Jennifer Castillo '09**, an international studies major and an immigrant from the Dominican Republic, was awarded the University's Romero Scholarship for 2008–09. ✂ A man wearing a Boston College **knit hat** robbed a bank in Salem, New Hampshire. ✂ Psychologist Joseph Tecce, often called upon to analyze the comfort of political figures speaking under stressful circumstances, said of **Roger Clemens's performance** before a Congressional panel looking into steroid use in baseball, “It's an earmark of lying when people do not answer a question directly.” ✂ The Lynch School of Education received foundation grants totalling **\$9.2 million** to expand its

successful BostonConnects program from nine to 14 public elementary schools in Boston. ✂ Nearly 600 students spent spring break on service trips, and a *Heights* editorial seconded a **UGBC proposal** for an endowment that would fund the trips and bring an end to “begging” tables in the dining halls. ✂ A young man who won a **poker championship** for college students turned out not to be a BC student as he'd claimed, but a 2006 graduate. “This is a shock,” the tournament director told the *Boston Globe*. ✂ **Undergraduate tuition** for 2009 was set at \$37,410, and the operating budget at \$772 million. ✂ Speakers who drew **SRO crowds** of students included Jon Sobrino, SJ, a liberation theologian from El Salvador; the dismantler of South African apartheid F. W. de Klerk; Boston

College philosopher Marina McCoy, who spoke on “Caring, Vulnerability, and Community” in the inaugural Fitzgibbons Lecture; a panel of faculty from BC and BU who spoke on “What we owe the Iraqis”; Kal Penn, of *Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle* fame, stumping for Barack Obama; Chelsea stumping for her mom; and Charlie Wilson, a one-time wild-man Texas congressman who developed covert anti-Soviet operations in Afghanistan and was recently played by Tom Hanks in the film *Charlie Wilson's War*. The *Heights* report included the observation that Mr. Wilson is, in fact, taller than Mr. Hanks.

Ben Birnbaum

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Third-years Brian Wong and Bianca Forde practice before William "Mo" Cowan

Hard case

by Cara Feinberg

Law team takes its arguments to the nationals

On a March afternoon, in a 43rd-floor office with a bank of windows overlooking Boston's financial district, Bianca Forde, a third-year Boston College Law student in a gray tweed dress, stood at the head of a cherry-wood conference table and faced a man in a business suit sitting in a leather chair.

"Your Honor, may I begin?" she asked.

The man nodded solemnly, taking a swig of water from a plastic bottle before twice striking it against the table, as though it were a gavel. A few minutes earlier, the two had greeted each other with hugs and wisecracks; the man, William "Mo" Cowan, a litigation partner at Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, has been Forde's friend and mentor throughout her years in law school. But now, she was before him in the role of lawyer, he was a judge, and for the next 40

minutes, as Forde and her co-counsel, third-year law student Brian Wong, argued a fictional federal case, the gray-walled conference room at Mintz, Levin became the chamber of the U. S. Supreme Court.

For Forde and Wong, this was the penultimate stop on a journey that began in November and would soon take them to the national rounds of the Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition, an annual intercollegiate Supreme Court simulation sponsored by the National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA). Nearly every week for the previous six months, the pair had held similar practice sessions in law-firm conference rooms, vacant classrooms, and a few times while stuck in traffic, in Wong's Honda Civic. Their bench was a rotating roster of faculty, lawyers, law school deans, alumni, and sitting justices who had volunteered to critique the students' arguments.

Occasionally, during sleepless nights, Forde says, she made her case to the bathroom mirror.

A month earlier, in February, at the northeast regional round of the competition, in Newark, New Jersey, Forde and Wong had competed against 38 teams, finally besting Columbia University's contingent head-to-head to become the first Boston College team in more than two decades to take home the tournament's first-place trophy. (In 2006, a BC team had placed third.) Now Forde and Wong were preparing for the nationals. In two days, they would board a plane to Detroit, where, for three days, four to six hours daily, they would vie for the title against 17 teams from across the country.

EACH YEAR, ABOUT 100 SECOND-YEAR Boston College law students compete in an internal tournament for 30 coveted third-year spots on the University's 10 intercollegiate moot court teams. To law firms scanning résumés, participation in moot court competition can be as important as law journal experience, says assistant professor of law Maritza Karmely '93, who co-coached the Douglass teams with associate dean for academic affairs Michael Cassidy. Unlike mock trial competitions, in which participants present evidence to a jury, moot court competitions simulate the appellate court experience: Contestants research and write a 30-page brief according to U. S. Supreme Court rules, and then argue orally before panels of judges drawn from the bench and the bar who pepper the contestants with questions.

Bianca Forde, a fast-talking New Yorker, and Brian Wong, a stoical Californian, had never worked together when they landed two of the four Boston College spots in the Douglass competition. Both had performed well as second-years in the Law School's internal competition, and had ranked Douglass as their number one pick. Open to all members of NBLSA, the 33-year-old competition held particular appeal for the two students, who were, at the time, vice presidents, respectively, of the Boston College chapters of NBLSA and the National Asian Pacific American Law Student Association. Both Wong and Forde had hopes of

pursuing careers in litigation: This fall, Wong will start as a first-year associate in employment litigation at Baker and McKenzie in Palo Alto; Forde will join the litigation department of Dewey and LeBoeuf in New York City.

Over the years, Douglass cases have dealt often with minority issues, from reparation claims for African-Americans to First Amendment protection for hate speech. This year's case was a mock civil suit against a fictional public school system, brought by the parents of a high school student diagnosed with Asperger syndrome. At issue were two questions: 1) whether the school had violated the student's First Amendment right to free speech by permanently suspending him for refusing to cover up an offensive T-shirt he wore on a Saturday field trip, and 2) whether the parents' claims for compensatory and punitive damages under the Civil Rights Act could be brought in conjunction with a claim of violations of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Moot cases are designed to afford equal credence to both sides of the argument, and in the Douglass competition, the teams must be prepared to argue either way (a coin toss before each round gives competitors the chance to choose). But at the regionals, says Wong, most of the losing teams turned out to have argued the same position—the petitioners'. And so he and Forde made a pact: If they made it to the regional finals and were given the opportunity to choose, they would select the petitioners' side. The decision left their final-round opponents from Columbia wide-eyed with astonishment. But when Wong and Forde walked away with the first-place trophy, they had no regrets. "We didn't want to win because our case was easier," Forde says, smiling. "We wanted to win because we won."

IN THE MINTZ, LEVIN CONFERENCE room overlooking Boston, Forde gripped the sides of the tabletop podium and began her last run-through. According to the contest rules, teams may divide their 40 minutes of speaking time asymmetrically. Forde and Wong split their time evenly. For both the petitioners' and respondents' side, Forde would argue the First

Amendment issue, Wong would address the damages.

As the petitioners' lawyer, Forde presented a three-pronged argument: First, her client's speech could not be censored by the school because the incident took place in a public forum; second, the speech was not disruptive and did not violate others' rights—two standards of review for First Amendment cases dictated by a 1969 U.S. Supreme Court decision; and third, the teacher's decision constituted viewpoint discrimination, "the most egregious form," said Forde, of First Amendment violation.

No sooner had she laid out her arguments than Cowan interrupted her. "This was not a school-sponsored trip?" he asked skeptically. "Was there anyone on the trip *not* from the school?"

Forde fired off a fusillade of responses: Attendance was not mandatory; the trip was irrelevant to the curriculum; in 10 years, the school had never once funded the Saturday trips.

"So we're going to punish a school

that's short on funds?" Cowan interrupted. Cowan, a career litigator who seemed to enjoy his temporary seat on the bench, was no easier on Wong. Wong's argument was more technical than his co-counsel's. He would have to show that the school had deprived his client of his educational right, and that the laws invoked allowed both for compensation and punitive damages.

"Your Honor, my client did not receive appropriate help for his disability, and ultimately lost two years of education as a result of his suspension following this incident," Wong began.

"So your solution is to punish the district by taking money that would otherwise be used for the rest of its students?" Cowan retorted.

Like Forde before him, Wong framed his argument with previous Supreme Court cases, including *Morse v. Frederick* (2007), in which the Court upheld an Alaska high school principal's right to suspend a student for displaying a banner reading "BONG HiTS 4 JESUS" across the street from the school. When they

Student affairs VP announced

Patrick H. Rombalski has been named vice president of student affairs at Boston College. Since 2002, he has served as vice president of student affairs at John Carroll University, near Cleveland, Ohio. He will take up his position at Boston College on June 1, 2008, succeeding Cheryl Presley, who stepped down at the end of the 2006–07 academic year after six years in the post.

The former assistant and associate director of residential life at Fairfield University (1990–93) and director of residential life at the University of Scranton (1993–97), Rombalski served as John Carroll's dean of students for five years before becoming vice president. For the past six years, he has supervised 14 departments at the 3,800-student (undergraduate and graduate) university. He has created offices of judicial affairs and orientation, set up a coordinator for commuter and off-campus affairs, and professionalized the residence life staff, moving away from a reliance on graduate students as hall directors toward coordinators trained at the master's level. Programming on alcohol, sexual assault, gender, diversity, and relationships has received greater focus and coordination during his tenure; and Greek life has come under increased oversight.

Rombalski also chairs John Carroll's mission coordinating committee, whose purpose is to sustain ongoing campus discussions of the university's Jesuit Catholic traditions and commitment to academic freedom. He earned a bachelor's degree in religious studies from Marquette University and a doctorate in education from the University of Pennsylvania.



Cara Feinberg

played the role of petitioners, Wong and Forde argued that the *Morse* decision did not apply in their case, as their client's T-shirt did not advocate illegal behavior, nor did it represent the school. As defendants, however, Forde and Wong countered that *Morse* did apply, noting that the Court had allowed the principal to regulate student speech that took place off school grounds.

For nearly two hours, Forde and Wong argued the case, first on the petitioners' side, then on the defendants'. When Cowan, who had returned that morning at 6 A.M. from a San Francisco business trip, finally gave a "time-up" hand signal, he looked fresher than the two law school students.

"You clearly have a great command of the law," he said. "But don't be afraid to speak just as forcefully with your [physical] presentation." To Forde, his advice was to slow down ("I know you talk fast in

everything you do," he joked). To Wong, he suggested showing "a bit of indignity." He said, "Don't be afraid to tell the court, with your voice, with your expressions, which points they should pay attention to." Cowan paused, and then added, "Still, you were hard to push off your game."

"We've been hammered by judges on both sides," Wong replied.

Cowan nodded and laughed. "Welcome," he said, "to my world." ■

Postscript: On March 26–30, 2008, Forde and Wong participated in the nationals in Detroit and progressed to the quarterfinal round. The tournament title went to a team from Georgetown Law School. Forde, however, was honored with one of four individual awards, earning "Best Oral Advocate," a distinction bestowed on the competitor with the highest average oral scores for the three preliminary rounds.

O'Connor can check which students answered specific questions, and whether or not they answered correctly—for this class, or for any of the other previous meetings during the semester.

Although relatively new to Boston College, clicker systems began to appear in university classrooms about four years ago, says Elizabeth Clark, the director of instructional design and e-teaching services at Boston College. Now, Clark says, they are ubiquitous at larger universities. Last year, at the urging of several professors in the physics and biology departments, Clark began a voluntary pilot program at Boston College, mostly within the departments of mathematics and the sciences. Several systems were tested, including one in which clickers came equipped with LCD screens and full alphabet capability. Simpler proved more effective, however, with the majority of professors favoring the model used in O'Connor's class, manufactured by the company I-Clicker.

STUDENTS BUY THEIR PERSONAL I-Clicker units at a one-time cost of \$35.00 (\$26.50 if used) and register them with their professor online at the beginning of each semester. The software works with PowerPoint and Blackboard Vista, an online system that Boston College instructors use to store course materials, issue and collect assignments, and communicate with students. For every 100 clickers purchased, the University gets a free receiver. Classrooms are being outfitted with the technology based on requests from professors, according to Clark.

For Boston College students in large math and science classes, clickers are no longer a novelty: "For us, it's what you bring to class: paper, pencil, and clicker," says Erik Sardina '09, a history and theology student in the pre-med program. A student in Andrzej Herczynski's 110-student "Introduction to Physics" class, a calculus-based science requirement for pre-med students, Sardina has come to appreciate the six or seven clicker questions Herczynski integrates into each session. "Not only does it help you stay focused," he says, "it's a way to slow down and make sure you understand things."

For smaller, more intimate classes, or for courses in the humanities, clickers

Survey says

by Cara Feinberg

Clickers in the classroom

Three minutes into her biology class for non-majors, "The Genetic Century," Professor Clare O'Connor fires off her first question:

"How many genes are identical in fraternal twins?"

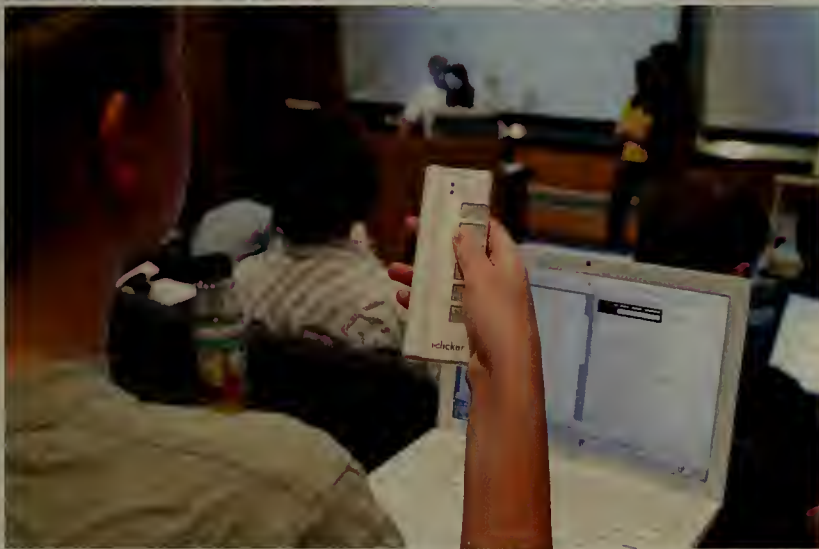
- A) 100 percent
- B) 2/3
- C) 50 percent
- D) 1/3

E) Number is highly variable."

Students crane their necks to read the text on the screen behind her, bobbing back and forth among their neighbors to confer before the 30-second clock at the top of the screen runs out. Some shrug and shake their heads, others light up with confi-

dence, but no one raises a hand. Instead, the students each pick up their newest classroom gadget—a handheld electronic remote control-like device—and punch one of six gray buttons at their fingertips.

O'Connor's classroom, Higgins 300, is one of 25 at Boston College outfitted with "clicker" technology, electronic voting systems that use individual handheld devices to transmit student responses via radio waves to a hub connected to the professor's computer. The professor can set the countdown for any amount of time, but when time runs out, the students' answers are tallied immediately for the class to see as a bar graph. The system saves the data on the professor's computer; after class,



Top: Sophie Dillman '10 and James Wolff '10 wield clickers in Clare O'Connor's "The Genetic Century" class. Bottom: Theresa Donohue '11 responds to a question from a team of student presenters.

make less sense, says Clark. "It's very hard to ask multiple choice questions about a book. . . . And if the class is small enough," she says, "you don't need technology to help keep people involved."

Herczynski, who recommended the technology to Boston College when he first learned about it in 2005, agrees. But for scientists teaching large classes, he says, clickers provide a useful two-way communication tool. Science, says Herczynski, "easily lends itself to this kind of diagnostic: Do the students understand a topic? Do we, as instructors, need to explain it differently?" Before clickers, he says, "I would ask questions and take

counts of raised hands to take inventory." But it was difficult, he says, "to get an accurate idea of who knew what, especially since many people would be shy and just wait to see the answer."

Now, like most other professors using the clicker technology, Herczynski gives a small amount of credit to his students for answering each question. "It's a way to take attendance, involve the entire class, and a way to keep people on their toes," he says. On Fridays, in his introductory physics classes, however, he begins each session with a question not about science, but about classical music, playing an excerpt by a composer whose birthday is

on or near the date, and then asking his students "some tiny, trivial piece of information about it," in his words. ("I keep waiting for him to play Beethoven or Bach," says Ryan Moore '09, "but he never goes that easy.")

It is Herczynski's perception that attendance in his classes is up since he started using the clickers, though even before, his seats were usually filled. Other professors report similar results, though as with any data collection system, they admit, anomalies can be introduced.

"Last year, in our last [introductory biology] class before Thanksgiving," says Allison Thunstrom '10, a pre-med student, "a hundred clickers rang in answers to a question, but there were only 50 people in the classroom." Her professor laughed it off and disregarded any data from that day. "He knew it was just because it was before vacation," says Thunstrom, who adds that students generally don't ask others to serve as proxies for them.

WITH 10 SECONDS LEFT ON THE clock, the last 20 of O'Connor's 150 biology students transmit their answers to the fraternal twin question projected on the screen at the front of the auditorium. When the clock hits zero, a collective sigh rises in the room as a colorful bar graph appears on the screen: the highest bar stands above option E ("the number is highly variable"); the next tallest bar appears over option C ("50 percent [of the genes]"). O'Connor smiles and shakes her head. "Close, but no cigar," she says. The answer is "C," as 40 percent of the class had correctly surmised. Like any pair of siblings, O'Connor explains, fraternal twins share 50 percent of their genes. "You share half of your genes with each of your siblings—it's just a different 50 percent in each case."

During her 75-minute class, she would go on to ask a total of eight questions, posing the last one in the period's final two minutes. "I promise you I will give you problems like these on your next test," she says, as her students close their notebooks and laptops and stand up to leave. "Send me an e-mail if you want to talk about any of these," she says, shutting down her own laptop computer. "My virtual classroom door is always open." ■



At Professors and Pastries on February 20, 2008, from left: Robert Duggan '10, Katelyn Jones '11, German Studies Professor Michael Resler, and Paul Wooten '10

Under construction

by Jane Whitehead

Crafting a solution to advising's persistent troubles

In her fourth-floor office in the far reaches of Carney Hall one wintry morning, Elizabeth Nathans was discussing how the University helps students set their academic goals and chart their course through four years. The former dean of freshmen at Harvard, who arrived in the summer of 2005 as the founding director of Boston College's new Academic Advising Center (AAC), Nathans observed that "Boston College has known for many years that advising was an issue" for students. She was being diplomatic.

Dissatisfaction with academic advising has been the source of "perennial complaint" among students for years, according to Donald Hafner, a political scientist who is now vice provost for undergraduate academic affairs and who oversees the AAC. Hafner hopes that the University's new vision for comprehensive undergradu-

ate advising, of which the AAC is the key component, will turn around the longstanding discontent documented in heated editorials in the *Heights*, student government presentations to members of the Board of Trustees, and, several years ago, a set of disconcerting responses by Boston College students who participated in a respected national survey of freshmen.

With more than 1,600 freshmen in the College of Arts & Sciences alone, all juggling core requirements along with the prospective demands of major and minor programs, it may be that academic advising will always be seen to fall short of need. "In every institution I've ever been to," says Rory Browne, the AAC's associate director, a genial, tweed-jacketed, Oxford-educated historian who has taught and advised at Yale and Harvard, "students have been dissatisfied with advising." But

unhappiness among Boston College undergraduates has been higher than the national average, according to results for the Class of 2007, polled at the end of their freshman year, in 2004, by the national UCLA-based survey "Your First College Year." Nationally, 60 percent of freshmen reported themselves "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with academic advising, compared with 45 percent at Boston College. The gap, says Hafner, reflects the malfunctioning of a system put in place 50 years ago and only marginally adjusted since.

If there has long been general agreement that the system was broken, consensus about how to fix it has been slow in coming, mainly owing to skepticism among faculty about "professionalizing" a function that many consider central to their role. Under the plan Boston College has adopted, AAC staff will take on some advising, but their main role is to select, train, and support faculty in their advising capacity. "Boston College has an expectation that faculty members will advise students as part of their duties," says Clare Dunsford, an associate dean in A&S who has been liaison to sophomores.

By hiring Nathans and Browne, Boston College has imported decades of experience in the advising trade. Before her 13-year stint at Harvard, Nathans, universally known as "Ibby," served as a dean at Duke University's college of arts and sciences, where she cofounded a freshman advising center. Browne was a residential dean at Yale from 1983 until moving to Harvard in 1991, eventually becoming Nathans's associate dean of freshmen there.

"The thing that matters most" in advising, says Nathans, "is that the student makes a connection with someone." Nathans still keeps in touch with her Vassar undergraduate advisor, who, after learning that Nathans had handed in a blank blue book at the conclusion of an important exam, asked to see her class notes. He saw that she had been trying to cram in the recommended as well as required reading, and in "one of the best half hours" of her academic life, showed her how to manage reading, then and forever after. A good advisor, says Nathans, helps students ask questions and find answers for themselves. What do I love?

What am I good at? What happens when my family wants one thing and I want another? The ability to guide this process of discovery depends on building a relationship over time, she says. "It doesn't happen in a 15-minute required conference"—a reference to what often seemed the default setting under the old BC advising system she is rebuilding.

Under that system, the majority of incoming freshmen were paired with advisors by random computer assignment and then reassigned to department-based faculty after declaring a major. Exceptions were students in the Honors Program and in programs like Cornerstone and Perspectives, in which course teachers also act as their students' advisors. This close contact with a teacher devoted to the well-being of his or her own students is the gold standard, says Hafner, and a long-term ambition is to see every freshman in "a course-based advising situation."

In the meantime, however, the AAC has set up systems to improve matching between advisors and students, including searchable databases listing both parties' areas of interest, and has provided training for more than 170 faculty and administrators serving as advisors to freshmen and pre-major sophomores, who are now expected to see their advisees between three and five times during a semester—instead of once, as under the previous system. Nathans also cut the number of students in summer orientation advising groups from 60 to eight, and then arranged for the students to be shepherded through course registration by the same advisor, which had not been the practice.

ON AN AFTERNOON IN DECEMBER 2007, more than 90 students crowded into Gasson 100 to chat with 20 or so faculty members, academic advisors, and alumni who work in the fine and performing arts. The session was part of a program titled "Professors and Pastries," launched by Browne in 2006. The atmosphere was relaxed, characterized by carolers, hot cider, macaroons, and social chatter about careers in the arts, among other subjects.

Sophomores Margaret Galiani and Robert Smith were working the event for the center, welcoming guests and handing out lists of the faculty and alumni in atten-

dance. Like many A&S undergraduates, Galiani, now a psychology major, came to Boston College considering a career in medicine or law. She attended Professors and Pastries sessions during her freshman year, and found the faculty "so ready and willing to talk" that she felt confident about scheduling follow-up appointments.

The free-flow format of Professors and Pastries, said Smith, a biology major, encourages even shy students "to ask very personalized questions, and hone in on [their] real concerns." Smith changed his major to biology from political science after exploring "a whole bunch of options" in sessions with Browne and other faculty, and after attending several Course Exploration and Deciding panel sessions set up by the AAC, gatherings at which faculty talk about their disciplines, major requirements, and potential career paths after college. "I was very lucky to have these resources when I came here," said Smith.

Another sophomore who has found a lifeline in the AAC is Stafford Oliver from Baltimore, who wanted to study public policy and the global economy, but was unsure how to go about it. In a telephone interview, he said he had found it "kind of difficult navigating through all the courses" and spent a tough freshman year "not liking my classes at all." Remembering freshmen dean Sr. Mary Daniel O'Keeffe's

invitation at orientation to anyone who wanted to talk, Oliver found his way to the AAC and discovered a sociology course on globalization that has led him to choose sociology as his major. (O'Keeffe, who had been advising freshmen since 1989, died in May 2007.)

PERHAPS ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE lessons students take away from advising, formal or informal, is that academic and career paths often take surprising twists, and that wrong turns are part of the journey. "Your passion is what you need to find in your four years here," political scientist Kenji Hayao told students at a history and social sciences Deciding panel in mid-November. Hayao recounted his undergraduate experience at another New England university as a physics major who grew to dread the next physics course but delayed switching to political science until the fall of his senior year—not a route he would recommend. He urged students to sign up for "a course you don't know anything about. . . . You don't know where your interests are going to take you." The key, he emphasized, is "to decide what is good for you; not what is good for someone else." In a decision aimed at fostering "maturity in decision-making," Nathans announced in January that freshmen will no longer be permitted to declare a major until register-



Nathans: "The thing that matters most is that the student makes a connection with someone."

ing for second-year courses in April, a standard policy at many universities.

A survey carried out in February 2007 by Boston College gives a snapshot of how Nathans's reforms are working. Nearly three-quarters of freshman students reported that they found their advisors readily available and communicative, with 69 percent agreeing that their advisors were concerned about their academic wel-

fare and 62 percent saying their advisors were concerned about their personal welfare. The results were considered encouraging enough that pilot projects were inaugurated this semester in two A&S departments to see if the center's strategies and procedures can be helpful in improving advising for majors. ■

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All the news

by Cara Feinberg

Thirty years in the life of a department

The first issue appeared in May 1978—a 10-page typewritten bulletin “devoted to horn-blowing,” according to its founding editor, James Anderson, the William B. Neenan, SJ, Millennium Professor of Economics. True to its mission, the inaugural Boston College *Economics Department Newsletter* included a nine-page catalogue of more than 90 department-generated research grants and publications from 1976 to 1978. Over the next three decades, in the hands of successive professor editors (Joe Peek from 1988 to 1990, Christopher Baum since 1991), the semiannual pamphlet would evolve into an annual publication, with photos, a flashy title (it became *BC EC* in 1991), and an occasional nod to extracurricular feats (in 1988, BC's economists made it to the finals of the University's summer softball league, losing—not for the first time—to the dynastic buildings and grounds team).

Now, the complete archive of newsletters is available online for scrolling at the economics department's website (<http://fmwww.bc.edu/ec/EC.BCEC.php>). Among 30 years of headlines, some mark important dates in the department's history (“Major Initiative Supports Economics Expansion,” from a 1998 issue, names eco-

nomics as one of 13 departments targeted in a \$260 million University capital campaign); others commemorate the utterly out-of-date (“We now have an office in the department devoted to . . . two scope terminals and an LA 120,” from a 1980 story marveling at the six-foot-wide machine's ability to “act as a small printer”).

For Baum, who has chronicled events for the last 17 years, the newsletter records—however informally—an important time in the department's history. “In many ways,” he says, “our evolution over the last three decades echoes the University's trajectory.”

When the first newsletter appeared, the year Baum joined the faculty, its headlines announced the 1977 retirement of Alice Bourneuf, a founder of the department (and the first woman appointed to the faculty of the College of Arts & Sciences). Over 18 years, Bourneuf helped transform the small department, known mostly for its teaching, into a leading research engine. Now ranked among the top 24 economics departments in the country—as recorded in a 2004 newsletter (and according to an evaluation by the Combes-Linnemer worldwide ranking system, which tallies faculty publication in major journals)—BC

economics has a roster that includes six professors “ranked among the world's top 1,000 economists” by the European Economic Association, as a 2001 story reports, “including two, Peter Ireland and Arthur Lewbel, in the Top 20.”

News of the department's mounting superlatives, however, rarely made front-page headlines in the office press over the years; top stories profiled new faculty members (most recently, econometrician Karim Chalak, whose “ongoing research considers the definition, modeling, identification, and estimation of causal effects”); saluted milestones (“Economics Celebrates 50 Years of the Ph.D.,” from 2003); or broadcast wedding and birth announcements (“Department Productivity Reaches Record High!” from 1991).

From 1995 to 2003, headlines chronicled economics' eight-year housing saga that began with a promise of “a complete renovation of Carney Hall before the turn of the century.” The department's then 40-year-old home (“BC's largest, and shabbiest, academic building,” according to a 1996 story), was in need of a face-lift, but as 1998 and 1999 updates titled, respectively, “Waiting for Godot” and “[Still] Waiting for Godot” reported, construction, stymied by legal obstacles, was on hold. In late 2002, the department moved to its current—and now permanent—home in 21 Campanella Way, a newly constructed building that permitted, for the first time, “all [economics] faculty staff, teaching fellows and assistants, and research assistants to work in adjacent space.”

BC EC's most recent front page announces Professor Joseph Quinn's return to the department after eight years as the dean of the College of Arts & Sciences and his appointment to fill the James P. McIntyre Chair—the department's fourth endowed professorship since 2004. At the bottom of the page in much smaller font, a headline reads “Popularity of Economics Major Rises,” over a story describing the steady increase from 510 majors and concentrators in 2001, to 689 in 2007. It's a headline that has appeared several times over the past three decades, says Baum. “Enrollment in our discipline is countercyclical,” he explains. “When the economy is bad, people suddenly want to study it.” ■



CLOSE-UP: RATS

The Black Death killed about a third of Europe's population, between 1347 and 1351. But not until 1894 did the Swiss scientist Alexander Yersin identify the pathogen that caused the plague, a bacterium later named *Yersinia pestis*. Shortly thereafter, scientists showed that fleas escaping from dead infected rats carried the bacterium to humans.

It is often assumed, since the cause was not scientifically understood in their day, that people of the Middle Ages did not associate plague with rats. Well before the outbreak of the Black Death, however, there was some understanding of the connection. The evidence is found in medieval manuscripts recounting and illustrating an episode in the Bible known as the Plague of the Philistines, or the Plague of Ashdod.

In 1 Samuel 5–6, the Philistines capture the Ark of the Covenant and place it

in the temple of their god Dagon. The next day, they discover that the statue of Dagon has fallen on its face before the ark. The Lord inflicts a plague upon five Philistine cities in retribution for the ark's theft, and in a number of medieval manuscripts depicting this calamity, rats figure prominently.

One example (above) can be found in a French picture Bible known as the Morgan Bible, completed at the court of Louis IX sometime between 1244 and 1254. In the upper left quadrant of the illumination are five pedimented structures meant to represent the five Philistine cities ravaged by the plague. Bodies are strewn at the base of the walls and portals, and rats swarm over them. The corpses include the unbearded young as well as the old, and a peasant (in cap) as well as city dwellers. The rats bite them all over, especially on the neck and

armpits, places where the buboes—painfully swollen lymph nodes—of bubonic plague are found, though other parts of the body are attacked as well. Blood drips from the bites. Beside the representation of the cities stand six men: Five are the leaders of the Philistines and one is the priest, or diviner, counseling them on how to rid their cities of the plague.

One of the textual sources available to the master who would have directed the illustration of this Bible was the Vulgate, translated from Hebrew to Latin by St. Jerome sometime between 382 and 405. Jerome's Vulgate makes no mention of rats in this episode, but says only that God struck the Philistines "in the secret parts of the buttocks" (*percussit in secretiori parte natium*), a phrase that has generally been taken to mean that God struck them with emerods, or hemorrhoids.

The oldest surviving version of this story, however, is found in the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible dating from the third century B.C. The Septuagint does connect rats with the Philistine plague. In 1 Samuel 5:6, the text reads, "The hand of the Lord was heavy upon Ashdod, and He brought evil upon them, and it burst out upon them into the ships and rats sprang up in the midst of their country, and there was a great tumult of death in the city." From the detailed description of the plague that follows, including mention of its attack on the "hidden parts," or groin, medical authorities have long recognized that the disease was most likely the bubonic plague. This and other evidence suggest that a link between rats and plague had been established in textual traditions during the Middle Ages, which is why rats appear in some medieval paintings.

—Pamela Berger

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Foreground, from left: Ngozi Onunaku '01, Alexandra Calixte '01, Stacey Thompson '99, and Walters

Fortissimo

by Tim Czerwienski

A music master's parting notes

For more than 25 years, Hubert Walters has directed Boston College's Voices of Imani gospel choir (*imani* means "faith," in Swahili) and served as a lecturer in music and African and African diaspora studies. On April 11, before a packed house at Trinity Chapel on the Newton Campus, the man whom students and alumni call simply "Professor" led a farewell concert in advance of his retirement this summer. The event was vintage Walters.

Whether he was explaining the provenance of the South African national anthem (a blending of an Afrikaans anthem with a Methodist hymn composed in Xhosa) or recounting the story of the pioneering Fisk Jubilee Singers—young men and women from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, who, from 1871, popularized African-American spirituals and slave songs—Walters made certain the audience felt the historic force of the

music. "[In class] Professor explained to us why 'Wade in the Water' was so important during slavery times, why 'Turn Me Around' was so important during the civil rights movement. Then he taught us the actual songs," said Candace Ashir '00, a former member of Voices of Imani who traveled from Memphis, Tennessee, for the concert.

WALTERS CAME OF AGE AS THE CIVIL rights movement gained momentum, growing up in Greenville, North Carolina. He attended historically black North Carolina Central University and graduated in 1955, then entered the U.S. Army, serving as a chaplain's assistant. He later became one of the first African-Americans to enroll at East Carolina University, in Greenville, and the first to receive a degree—his master's—from the school of music, in 1965. Walters spent the next three years in the music department at

Shaw University, in Raleigh, North Carolina, as an assistant professor and as the director of the Shaw University Choir.

In 1969, a Martin Luther King, Jr., Fellowship from the Woodrow Wilson Foundation took him to Boston University, for further study. While there, he was invited to teach the history of black music at Harvard University and became the first director of Harvard's Kuumba Singers. Although he led the group for only a year, the Kuumba Singers, whose name derives from the Swahili word for "creativity," live on, and the current ensemble shared the stage with Voices of Imani for Walters's farewell concert. "All that we do stems from the seeds [Walters] planted in 1970," said Sheldon Reid, Kuumba's current director, before his choir sang.

The concert started with a thumping drum and bass overture as the Voices of Imani, some 50 students clad in light blue dress shirts and black slacks, entered from the back of the church. Walters sat with the audience, in the front row, as Elan Trotman, his assistant, conducted the first four songs. "If you want to get up, clap your hands, stomp your feet, you're more than welcome to," Trotman told the audience. And they did, with clusters of Imani alumni and friends often joining in the chorus as the choir performed traditional spirituals and contemporary gospel songs.

When Walters took the stage, it was with the New Fisk Jubilee Singers, a subset within Voices of Imani. Over shouts and applause he set right to directing, the smile never leaving his face. The music he led tended toward slower, more solemn pieces, and after each, he stepped to the side of the stage to let his choir soak in the applause, before he spoke. Walters didn't talk about his time at Boston College coming to a close; rather, he drove home, one last time, why the music was important. Others, including Trotman and Reid and Rev. Howard McClendon of Campus Ministry, took the microphone between numbers to shine the spotlight on Walters and his career. Each time, the audience responded with cheers and a standing ovation for the director.

For the final song of the concert, Walters invited former Voices of Imani members in the audience to join in singing the soaring "This Day," as arranged by

him in 1995 after the death of Amanda Houston, Boston College's longtime black studies director who brought Walters to the University in 1982. About a fifth of the audience strode to the front of the church and found places alongside the current choir, and when they sang all swayed as one with the familiar tune. ("Lord we need your joy this day. Thank you for this day.") Afterward, Ashir and other Imani alumni from the 1990s presented the beaming Walters with a plaque that read "Professor Walters—For the lives you've touched, hearts you've changed and the faith you've shared . . . thank you."

"I tell Professor time and time again that he's taught me more about myself than any classroom could," said Brandon Jackson '08, this year's president of the Voices of Imani executive board, in an interview. During a post-concert reception, held at Alumni House, Jackson presented Walters with a scrapbook of letters, drawings, and notes from the choir's current members. He was one of several students, faculty, and staff who took the podium before the elbow-to-elbow crowd to share recollections. Knowing laughter permeated the room when choir member Charisse Gilmer '08 stood at the podium and invoked one of Walters's favorite lines of Scripture: "To whom much is given, much is required."

AFTER THE APPRECIATIONS AND testimonials were done, the man himself spoke, for only a few minutes and mostly about his inspirations: the legendary tenor Roland Hayes, a son of slaves—who taught at Boston University before Walters's arrival there—and his own mother and father, both of whom were singers.

Walters told a story about his mother: "I think I wanted to be a choral director ever since I was in elementary school," he said, but "my mother told me, 'You're going to preach before it's all over.'" Walters said he resisted the idea, because of his interest in music. "When she died, I went home and I said to my pastor, 'Reverend, my mother never told me anything that didn't come true, and she said I was going to be a preacher.' And he said, 'I know what that's all about . . . but you don't have to have a pulpit to preach.' And I remembered that." ■

Just the facts

Issued in January 2008, the 2007–08 edition of the *Boston College Fact Book* tells us the following:

About men and women: For only the second time in the past 10 years, this year's freshman class included more men (1,148) than women (1,143).

Geographic standing: North Dakota residents had the best chance of being accepted to Boston College, with six of seven applicants (86 percent) receiving the fat envelope. Alaskans were least successful—three of 20 (15 percent). The overall acceptance rate for the class was 27 percent.

Transfer students: Out of 1,623 applicants seeking to enroll in 2007, 268 were accepted—a rate of 16 percent.

Students, foreign and domestic: Arkansas, Montana, South Dakota, and Wyoming sent no freshmen to Boston College. South Korea sent 53 undergraduate students. Uzbekistan sent one. China sent 118 graduate students.

The competition: The five universities that applicants most often applied to in addition to BC, in descending order of popularity, were Georgetown, Harvard, University of Pennsylvania, Boston University, and Brown.

Number of books in the library system: 2,445,270.

Number of library e-books: 300,053.

Largest structure: Alumni Stadium, at 447,300 gross square feet.

Largest academic building: Higgins Hall, home of biology and physics, with 234,722 gross square feet.

Smallest building: McElroy Switch House, at 1,049 gross square feet, used by Campus Mail.

E-mails delivered January 1 through December 31, 2007: 206 million, give or take (October was the busiest month).

Number of living alumni: 149,225. Percent residing in New England: 53.

State with fewest alumni: North Dakota (20).

State with most Alumni Association chapters: Florida (six).

Classes with one living alumnus: 1920, 1923, 1925.

Number of the 27,871 gifts to Boston College that were made anonymously: three.

The current Boston College Fact Book, together with past editions, may be viewed at <http://www.bc.edu/publications/factbook/>.

Reeves Wiedeman '08

Reeves Wiedeman will graduate this spring with a major in international studies. Editor-in-chief of the *Heights* in 2006, he will spend the summer as an intern at *Sports Illustrated*.



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Soon after World War I, America's lay Catholics claimed a new role for themselves, in their Church and in their country

BY JAMES M. O'TOOLE

AS A YOUNG ADULT, DOROTHY DAY BEGAN AN ACQUAINTANCE WITH JAIL cells that she would keep up well into her old age. In 1917, barely 20 years old and an ardent socialist, she was arrested while protesting for women's suffrage in front of the White House. Throughout the late 1950s, she was apprehended in New York City every summer for refusing to participate in air raid drills that were supposed to prepare the populace to survive a nuclear attack. Somewhere in between that early arrest and the later ones she underwent a dramatic conversion,

OPPOSITE: Catholic Workers and others picket the Eisenhower White House in 1955.

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abandoning her politics and bohemian lifestyle for a deep commitment to the Catholic faith and the movement known as Catholic Action.

Taking up the biblical injunction to feed the hungry and tend the sick, Day and an informal band of followers who called themselves the Catholic Workers opened “houses of hospitality,” first in New York City and then around the country, to serve the poor, the homeless, the addicted, the unemployed, and anyone else in need. Catholic Workers lived among the people they helped, as if members of one family. Such work required an unqualified commitment, but Day continued to inspire individuals, young and old, to make it until her death in 1980 and even afterward.

The Catholic Worker program was unusual in its intensity, but it was far from unique in American Catholicism during the first half of the 20th century. Other groups of lay people, some political, some not, organized to make the Church’s work their own, and many saw themselves as promoters of Catholic Action. The term had been in use in various contexts before—in Italy, it referred to quasi-political groups that opposed Mussolini’s Fascists—but it took on a more general meaning in 1931 when Pius XI spoke of it approvingly as “the participation and the collaboration of the laity with the Apostolic Hierarchy.”

According to the tenets of Catholic Action, the Church was not only a religious institution concerned with the otherworldly salvation of individual souls; it was also a this-worldly organization whose members had a responsibility to apply its teachings in the social, economic, and political spheres of life. That duty fell to lay people no less than to bishops, priests, and sisters. The laity would be guided by the hierarchy, to be sure, but the Church’s work had to be theirs, too.

Catholic Action in America was built on the organizational efforts of earlier devotional groups—such as the Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus, and St. Vincent De Paul Society (for men) and parish rosary sodalities and altar societies (for women). These groups had emphasized prayer and the spiritual benefits of serving others, while forming a

bulwark against the attractions of secular social clubs. But Catholic Action stood apart from them in several important respects. Whereas devotional societies promoted the religious welfare of the individual member, the benefits that Catholic Action groups sought were societal as much as they were personal. Charitable work in the local parish and neighborhood was fine, but some problems were too big to be addressed only at the parochial level.

Catholic Action groups drew on the deep American urge for reform—just as many Protestant churches had done in pursuing what they called the Social Gospel. Members were expected to pray, but prayer had to be accompanied by sustained work in the world. The Catholics who came together under the figurative banner of Catholic Action would ultimately define a new era for their Church and begin to shift the traditional balance of power and influence between lay people and the clergy.

THE POOR WILL ALWAYS BE WITH US, AS JESUS noted, but by the early 20th century, Americans had widely come to recognize the need to address the problems of poverty systematically. Child welfare, crime, the harsh conditions of industrial labor, and other issues posed formidable challenges. Political Progressives and Protestant Social Gospelers were calling for structural reform, and Catholics began to speak this language, too. “We are determined,” a priest from Cleveland told a lay gathering in 1909, “to approach these problems not only in an individual way, but by organization.” Catholics, he noted, had special reasons to work for fundamental change. After all, some social problems hit them hardest and first. Many Catholics lived in the older, decaying city neighborhoods most in need of revitalization. They toiled in unsafe factories and their children often left school to help support the family. There was also some fear that political and social radicals might capture the reform agenda and woo Catholics away from the Church. The anarchist Industrial Workers of the World (known as the IWW, or “Wobblies”) did make headway among the largely



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TOP: Dorothy Day (at far right) and colleagues in 1934, in the office of the *Catholic Worker*. ABOVE: Pat and Patty Crowley, cofounders of the Christian Family Movement, c. 1958. LEFT: Poster for a Catholic interracial event in New Orleans, sponsored by Loyola University, the Academy of the Sacred Heart, St. Mary's Dominican College, and the historically black Xavier University

Catholic textile laborers of Lawrence, Massachusetts, in the “Bread and Roses” strike of 1912. The case of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, a cause célèbre in the 1920s, raised another warning flag. The two Italian radicals ought to have been Catholics, Church leaders believed. “There is a very real danger,” one priest wrote, “that large masses of our workingmen will, before many years have gone by . . . look upon the Church as indifferent to human rights and careful only about the rights of property.” A Church-sanctioned reform program would demonstrate that working for change did not require abandoning one’s faith.

If Catholics were numerous in the ranks of the lower classes, it was social and economic progress elsewhere within the Catholic community that made the Catholic Action movement possible. With immigration largely choked off, the Catholic population held steady at roughly 16 percent of the nation between the two world wars (it now accounts for 24 percent), and Catholics were beginning to take their place in the middle class. Education, particularly higher education, was crucial to this process. By the 1930s, there were approximately 70 Catholic colleges and universities in the United States, preparing graduates for careers that would have been unthinkable for their immigrant parents. At the beginning of the century, less than 5 percent of the graduates of the all-male College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, run by the Jesuit order, wound up in management positions; most became priests or teachers. By the 1940s, nearly 30 percent were going into business, and another 25 percent were going into law or medicine. It was the same with the men who graduated from the Jesuits’ Loyola College in Baltimore. Among 2,200 living alumni surveyed in 1952, there were 180 doctors, 115 accountants, 80 engineers, and almost 900 businessmen representing enterprises large and small.

Graduates of women’s colleges made occupational progress more slowly, in part because of differing societal expectations about women and work. The president of Manhattanville College, run by Religious of the Sacred Heart, observed in 1942 that most of her school’s alumnae were marrying shortly after graduation, but that “a second group, smaller by far but keen, ambitious, and with wide outlook,” were pursuing careers as doctors, lawyers, and teachers. These “keen” Catholic professionals, with their “wide outlook,” were ready to tackle social problems.

The First World War marked a turning point, presenting both need and opportunities for coordinated efforts by Catholics. The Knights of Columbus, for instance, who had long ministered to Catholics in the armed services, offered refreshment and entertainment to American troops in Europe. “Everyone Welcome, Everything Free,” the K of C banners proclaimed. The country’s bishops formed the National Catholic War Council “to unify the energies of the

whole Catholic body and direct them toward the American purpose.” When peace returned, the council was renamed the National Catholic Welfare Conference (NCWC) and its headquarters moved from New York City to the nation’s capital. Two NCWC departments, those devoted to social action and lay activities, proved especially energetic. Led by John A. Ryan, a priest from Minnesota who taught economics and moral theology at Catholic University in Washington, the social action department put forward a detailed plan for “social reconstruction,” which the bishops endorsed as their own. The plan supported workers’ right to a living wage, social security insurance, restrictions on child labor, and expanded government programs of affordable housing.

The spark behind the NCWC’s lay department was Agnes Regan, a retired schoolteacher from California, whom the bishops appointed in 1920 to oversee formation of the National Council of Catholic Women. (Ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment had given women the right to vote the year before and may have suggested a more active role for women.) Within two years, more than a thousand local groups became affiliated with the new women’s council. Under Regan’s guidance, it focused much of its effort on promoting women in social work. It ran an employment agency for social workers and started a school of social service, which became affiliated with Catholic University. Regan also monitored state and federal legislation and was an active lobbyist for the restriction of child labor.

Organizations established by the Church’s hierarchy did much to foster cooperation among Catholic lay associations, but groups formed by lay people themselves were more significant signs of the emerging spirit of Catholic Action. The Catholic Workers were the most widely recognized example of the new lay initiative. Dorothy Day had lived an eventful life before startling her friends in 1927 by becoming a Catholic. A few years later, she and Peter Maurin, a French émigré and mystical self-declared philosopher, began publishing a monthly newspaper, the *Catholic Worker*. They chose the title, a play on the Communist Party’s *Daily Worker*, deliberately. The houses of hospitality they started combined the features of traditional settlement houses with those of religious communes. Residents maintained an active life of prayer and reflection, guided by Maurin’s approach to the philosophy of Christian “personalism.” Maurin outlined a plan of self-examination and discussion known as the “clarification of thought,” a process intended to be more or less continual among Catholic Workers. Under his influence, the movement also opened farming communities, grandly titled “agronomic universities,” first on Staten Island, New York, then upstate, then elsewhere. These yielded produce for Worker soup kitchens, but they were also attempts to

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recreate the traditional monastic ideal that fused prayer and manual labor.

Though Catholic Worker membership was never very large and always somewhat fluid, the movement's impact was considerable. The newspaper had a nationwide circulation of more than 100,000. Most readers would never visit a house of hospitality themselves, but they were inspired by the intense personal commitment the Workers were making. Many among the clergy were cautious at first, troubled by the radical tone and, during the Second World War, by Day's insistent and absolute pacifism. New York's powerful Cardinal Francis Spellman had a run-in with Day in 1949, when she picketed his residence on behalf of the gravediggers in Catholic cemeteries who were trying to form a union. (Yet again, Day was arrested.) Catholic prelates were not accustomed to being picketed by their own people. But Day's example was hard to ignore—a "literal interpretation of the gospels," as one supporter put it. Most important, the Catholic Workers were lay people. Priests occasionally visited for Mass, prayer, and their own "clarification of thought," but the houses of hospitality were always run by and for lay Catholics—the new model of lay action.

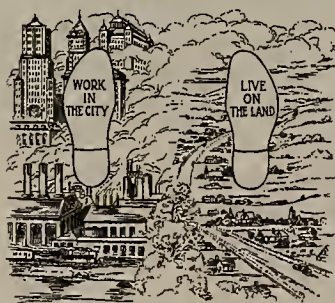
MAURIN'S AGRONOMIC UNIVERSITIES WERE NEVER the success he hoped them to be, but other Catholic groups were also giving attention to Americans living on the land. In 1923, a priest from Granger, Iowa, began the National Catholic Rural Life Conference (NCRLC), with the support of an assembly of priests, bishops, and lay people. A growing sense that rural Catholics were being overlooked by the Church, combined with the decline of the family farm, soil exhaustion, and uncertain markets for crops during the Depression years of the 1930s, spurred the organization's growth. Some conference statements sounded considerably more radical than those usually coming from Church sources. "The industrialization of agriculture," an early handbook thundered, "permits machines to plow under the farm families . . . the very culture on which America has

grown to greatness. This reckless destruction which our system of unbridled free enterprise has made possible must be stopped." In their widely scattered parishes, Catholic farmers organized to establish cooperatives and credit unions. "Cooperation is merely the free operation of the Golden Rule in our economy," read one NCRLC brochure, calling the effort a religious alternative to "unbridled free enterprise." In the 1930s, between 5,000 and 10,000 rural Catholics (mostly lay people, with a few priests) attended the conference's annual national conventions; in the 1940s, attendance hovered between 20,000 and 30,000. Like the Catholic Workers, the National Catholic Rural Life Conference continues its efforts today.

In the nation's industrialized cities, a similar organizing spirit found expression in the formation of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists (ACTU). The name was an accurate description: It was not a Catholic union as such, but an association of individual Catholics who were union members. Its founder was John C. Cort, who had converted to Catholicism while an undergraduate at Harvard. In February 1937, he and a dozen friends from the Catholic Worker house on Mott Street in Manhattan resolved "to bring to Catholic workingmen and women a knowledge of the social teaching of the Catholic Church." That spring, they threw their support behind striking saleswomen at Woolworth's department store, and they garnered public attention by picketing the home of the socialite (and Woolworth heiress) Barbara Hutton. Defenders of Hutton pointed to the millions she gave to charity, but Cort and his companions fired back with a quotation from Pius XI: "Workers are not to receive as alms what is their due in justice." By the 1940s, ACTU was running 150 labor schools in parishes around the country, every year graduating more than 5,000 men and women versed in such Catholic social texts as *Rerum Novarum*, Leo XIII's 1891 endorsement of fair wages and collective bargaining, and determined to apply their principles to the cause of labor. The association gradually fell apart in the 1970s, the victim of dramatic



STANDING ON BOTH FEET



The Rural Homestead

A NECESSITY FOR AN ERA OF RECONSTRUCTION

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TOP: Undated photo taken at the St. Francis Catholic Worker House in Detroit. RIGHT: A sign outside a Union City, New Jersey, theater in 1953 flags *French Line*, a 3-D movie produced by Howard Hughes; in the film, Jane Russell dances in a peekaboo leotard. ABOVE: Undated homesteading pamphlet published by the National Catholic Rural Life Conference

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declines in union membership nationwide. While it flourished, however, it mobilized lay Catholics in their working and religious lives.

Proponents of Catholic Action were not so successful when it came to racial injustice. The number of African-Americans who were Catholic in the early 20th century was small, far outstripped by white European immigrants and their children. In 1920, blacks accounted for only about 200,000 in a Catholic population of 18 million, making them a "minority within a minority." (Today, their representation among Catholics has tripled, to 3.3 percent.) Everywhere across the South, the legal segregation that applied to drinking fountains, hotels, and buses was carried over into parish churches and schools. Blacks sat apart at Sunday Mass and usually had to wait until white parishioners had received Communion before they could approach the altar. In the North, the de facto segregation of urban housing patterns achieved much the same effect. Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and a few other cities had distinct parishes for black Catholics, modeled on the "national" parishes of other ethnic groups, but their benefits were mixed. They provided black parishioners with churches of their own, but they also perpetuated separation of the races, which many Catholics were coming to see as inimical to the message of the gospels.

In response, some Catholics, scattered across the country, formed groups to confront racial issues. In New York City, the Jesuit writer and editor John LaFarge, son of the painter of the same name, took the lead in establishing the Catholic Interracial Council (CIC) in 1934. Six hundred lay people, black and white, attended an organizational meeting in Town Hall that spring, vowing "to promote in every practicable way relations between the races based on Christian principles." Subsequent biweekly meetings brought in a range of speakers, including representatives of the National Urban League and other civil rights organizations, but attracted far smaller numbers. The group's membership was overwhelmingly white, and, ironically, its energy undercut

earlier efforts on the part of black Catholics to organize on their own. Personal action rather than public protest marked the CIC approach and that of most other lay Catholic efforts, but such assemblies helped prepare Catholics for participation in the civil rights movement of the 1950s.

IN FACING THE NATION'S CULTURAL CHALLENGES, motion pictures offered what one priest called "Catholic Action's big opportunity." In 1930, the movie industry, under widespread pressure for its increasingly brazen portrayals of love triangles, provocative dancing, suggestive speech, and disrespect for authority, adopted a self-censoring production code, one that leaders in the Catholic Church judged insufficient. Some Catholic newspapers began rating films for moral content, and soon an orchestrated effort was under way. The nation's bishops established a Legion of Decency, and the laity signed on enthusiastically. Fifty thousand Catholics filled a stadium in Cleveland in June 1934 to vow their opposition to "indecent" movies, and that September 70,000 parochial schoolchildren marched through Chicago carrying banners with such slogans as "Admission to an indecent film is an admission to hell." By the end of the year, almost 9 million Catholics across the country had taken the legion's pledge, administered annually thereafter in parish churches on a Sunday before Christmas: "I condemn all indecent and immoral motion pictures, and those which glorify crime and criminals. . . . I pledge myself to remain away from them. I promise, further, to stay away altogether from places of amusement which show them as a matter of policy."

The threat of Catholic boycotts was a powerful one, and sometimes it was backed by action. A theater in Sayville, Long Island, was showing Mae West's 1934 film *Belle of the Nineties*, until a priest from the local parish showed up and stood outside, examining the faces of those who bought tickets to see if any of his parishioners were among them. Attendance dropped off immediately, and the manager closed the picture down. In 1935, the legion opened a

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national office in New York City and oversaw an elaborate system, run mostly by lay women, of rating films. One hundred volunteers from the Federation of Catholic Alumnae, an organization for graduates of Catholic women’s colleges, viewed newly released films and assessed their content, assigning letter grades from A (“morally unobjectionable”), through several grades of A-minus (“morally unobjectionable in part”), to C (“condemned”). The legion office trained them and monitored their work: One new volunteer was reprimanded when she rated as unobjectionable a movie in which a man divorced his wife to marry someone else. Diocesan newspapers published the ratings, and sometimes priests announced the grades of movies playing in local theaters from the pulpit on Sunday mornings. Some non-Catholics objected to this blunt exercise of Catholic power, but many Protestant churches praised the legion. The Federal Council of Churches, representing the nation’s mainline Protestant denominations, thanked Catholics for their “aggressive position” on the subject.

In all, the legion, later renamed the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures, rated more than 16,000 feature-length films. When it closed its doors in 1980, it issued one final list of seven condemned movies, including *All That Jazz*, *Friday the 13th*, *American Gigolo*, and *Dressed to Kill*. Today, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides the Catholic press with reviews and ratings (from A-1, for general patronage, to O, for morally offensive), through its Office for Film and Broadcasting.

PERHAPS THE FINEST EXPRESSION OF THE CATHOLIC Action impulse was the effort to organize Catholics literally where they lived: in their homes. The Christian Family Movement (CFM) was built on the idea that the health of society depended on the happiness of individual families, and that Catholic families had the duty to improve society, starting with their own immediate surroundings. The movement took its inspiration and its method from Joseph Cardijn, a Belgian priest who promoted Catholic Action in

Europe. Cardijn directed a movement called *Jeunesse Ouvrière Chrétienne* (Young Christian Workers) that prompted some recent Catholic college graduates to form a parallel organization in the United States. This workers’ group was never large, but its method of “social inquiry”—articulated by Cardijn and encapsulated in the slogan “Observe, Judge, Act”—was adopted by the CFM. Each “cell” of CFM members—six couples was the recommended limit—met regularly in one another’s homes and, after reflecting on a passage from the Bible, turned to a pressing issue in daily life. “Members bring in facts about some aspect of their lives, judge these facts in the light of Christian principles, and take some kind of action to bring *what is* more closely in line with *what ought to be*,” read one early pamphlet. “This inquiry method—observe, judge, act—produces more than a series of good deeds. More important, it shapes good Christians.”

An official handbook, *For Happier Families* (known, from its distinctive cover, as “the little yellow book”), helped CFM cells get started. It suggested topics for the first few meetings: how to welcome newcomers to the neighborhood; questions pertaining to children; the role of the family in the life of the parish; the relationship between husband and wife. Working their way through the topics, participants would master the CFM technique and could then go on to explore their own particular concerns. The yellow book spelled out the social inquiry method precisely. During the consideration of neighborliness, for instance, the “observe” portion of the discussion called for members of the group to analyze their own street or block: “Give examples of how you and others became acquainted with neighbors. . . . Give examples of recent opportunities you and others have had which you could have used as a way of getting to know a certain neighbor better.” Then the focus shifted to “judge”: “How well do you have to know people to know their needs? . . . If Christ lived in your neighborhood would He be pleased with the way people know each other?” Finally, it was time to act: “Invite a neighbor to your

house or to a parish function. . . . Ask one of your neighbors to do something for you. (This has been found an effective way of getting to know people.)”

The CFM approach combined theology with the resolutely mundane: Members were asked to reflect on what Jesus himself might have thought, but the resulting action could be something as ordinary as asking a neighbor to watch the kids during a quick errand. Here was Catholic Action that only lay people could perform, and getting to the “action” was always essential. “If no action is taken,” an advisory to CFM leaders pointed out, “the group has become a discussion group.” Discussions were fine, “but when a CFM group discusses only, there is something dishonest about the meeting. In effect, they are telling themselves that they have faced up to an unchristian situation when in actuality they ran for cover.”

The CFM was not for either men or women alone but for couples. This in itself was valuable, members said. One of its “happy by-products,” according to a CFM manual, was that, “because they are doing more things together, [couples] draw together in a deeper, more mature love.” Two couples in particular were responsible for the movement’s early success and rapid expansion: Pat and Patty Crowley of Chicago, and Burnett and Helene Bauer of South Bend, Indiana. Hearing of others who shared their interest, these four convened some 60 participants, together with a dozen priests, at a retreat house outside Chicago in June 1949 and established a national organization. The Crowleys were elected cochairs, a position they held until 1970. Annual conventions followed, and these grew to impressive proportions, though not without some missteps. One early meeting was held at a monastery: Apparently, no one had realized that men and women were not allowed to stay in the same room at this facility, thereby undercutting the closeness of husband and wife that the movement sought to promote.

By 1955, more than 300 cities had at least one CFM cell. San Francisco and Denver had enrolled more than 500 couples each. (The group always counted its membership in couples.) Toledo boasted more than 300, Los Angeles about 250. Total membership nationwide stood at 16,000 couples that year; the count would double only two years later.

ALTHOUGH THE CFM ALWAYS HAD PRIESTLY ADVISORS, it was an organization of lay people. Chaplains were warned to speak as little as possible at cell meetings. The movement thus gave clear articulation to the ideal, common to all Catholic Action efforts, of direct lay participation in the work of the Church. “We seek first of all to have Christian principles dominate every phase of our personal living,” *Catholic Action: A Textbook for Colleges and Study Clubs* declared in 1935, “and then to bring those principles into all the ramifications of life about us.” Whenever couples in the Christian Family Movement, or volunteers in a

Catholic Worker house, or trade unionists allied with fellow Catholics, or farmers reliant on the cooperative programs of the Catholic Rural Life Conference—whenever any of these people reaffirmed their involvement through attendance and participation, they were tightening the connection between their religious and secular lives. They became Catholic Action Catholics—Catholics not only in church but also on the picket line or in the field or cooking the family dinner. Studying Church teaching on their own, not just hearing about it in sermons, was their responsibility. Here was a more encompassing way of being a lay Catholic.

Enthusiasts of Catholic Action were thus “reawakening to the fact that laymen are not only *in* the Church but that they, too, *are* the Church,” one CFM member said. Such thinking had the potential to redefine the relationship between clergy and laity, between a priest and the members of his parish. Priests, one CFM chaplain wrote, “must respect the autonomy of the layman in his proper field of responsibility. And it is the laity who are responsible in the domestic area—the area of the family. The clergy in this context are assistants.” The idea that a pastor might be the “assistant” to members of his congregation was potentially problematic. If carried to its logical conclusion, it risked undercutting the traditional patterns of authority in the Church. Accordingly, Catholic Action proponents often stressed the importance of following the clergy’s lead. When *Catholic Action: A Textbook* spoke of “the laity’s helping the Hierarchy,” a keen-eyed reader would have noticed that “Hierarchy” was capitalized and “laity” was not. This subliminal point was made explicitly elsewhere. “The laity,” one priest told the board of the National Council of Catholic Women in 1934, “serve, of course, under the Bishops. . . the power through whom all life comes to the diocese.”

Catholic Action participants did not overtly challenge this understanding. At the same time, the possibility was opened that lay people might sometimes take the lead. “Laymen are not second class members of the Body of Christ,” the CFM national newsletter said bluntly in 1957. The full implication of that outlook would become apparent in the 1960s and beyond, in the aftermath of the Second Vatican Council and its declaration that the Church should be understood as the “People of God.” A sense of autonomy would come to pervade American lay Catholics. The rhetoric and programs of Catholic Action helped prepare the way. ■

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Decimal points

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Five years ago, organizers of the Boston College Arts Festival were trying to find an eye-catching way to celebrate the event's fifth anniversary. Inspired by Chicago's 1999 public art exhibition *Cows on Parade* and Charles Demuth's 1928 iconic painting *The Figure 5 in Gold*, they decided to sponsor a collaborative outdoor sculpture project, and *The Fives* was born. Twenty-three statues shaped like their namesake numeral, painted and decorated by various student groups, materialized on campus to herald the 2003 Arts Festival.

"The project was so successful in bringing attention to the festival, we knew we had to do it every year," says Cathi Fournier, program administrator for the Boston College Arts Council and director of the Arts Festival. This year's iteration showcased the Roman numeral X, in honor of the festival's 10th anniversary. (The exhibition was titled *Ever to Xcel*.) Previous themes have included *Umbrellas in the Midst* in 2004 and *Go Set the World Aflame* in 2006.

Mark Cooper, a ceramicist on the studio arts faculty, constructed the statues—each a wooden frame covered in canvas. They varied in size from 4 to 6 feet tall and 1 to 3 feet wide. Fifteen groups were issued the *tabulae rasae* in advance of the three-day event (April 24–26), to deck out in themes reflecting their organizations' missions and compete for first- and second-place cash prizes. In dorm room, garage, and dance studio, BCM senior photographer Lee Pellegrini caught the creative process. In addition, for the first time, a group of Arts Festival staff and volunteers opted to decorate a statue, too, the largest one that Cooper built. Naturally, it was 10 feet tall.

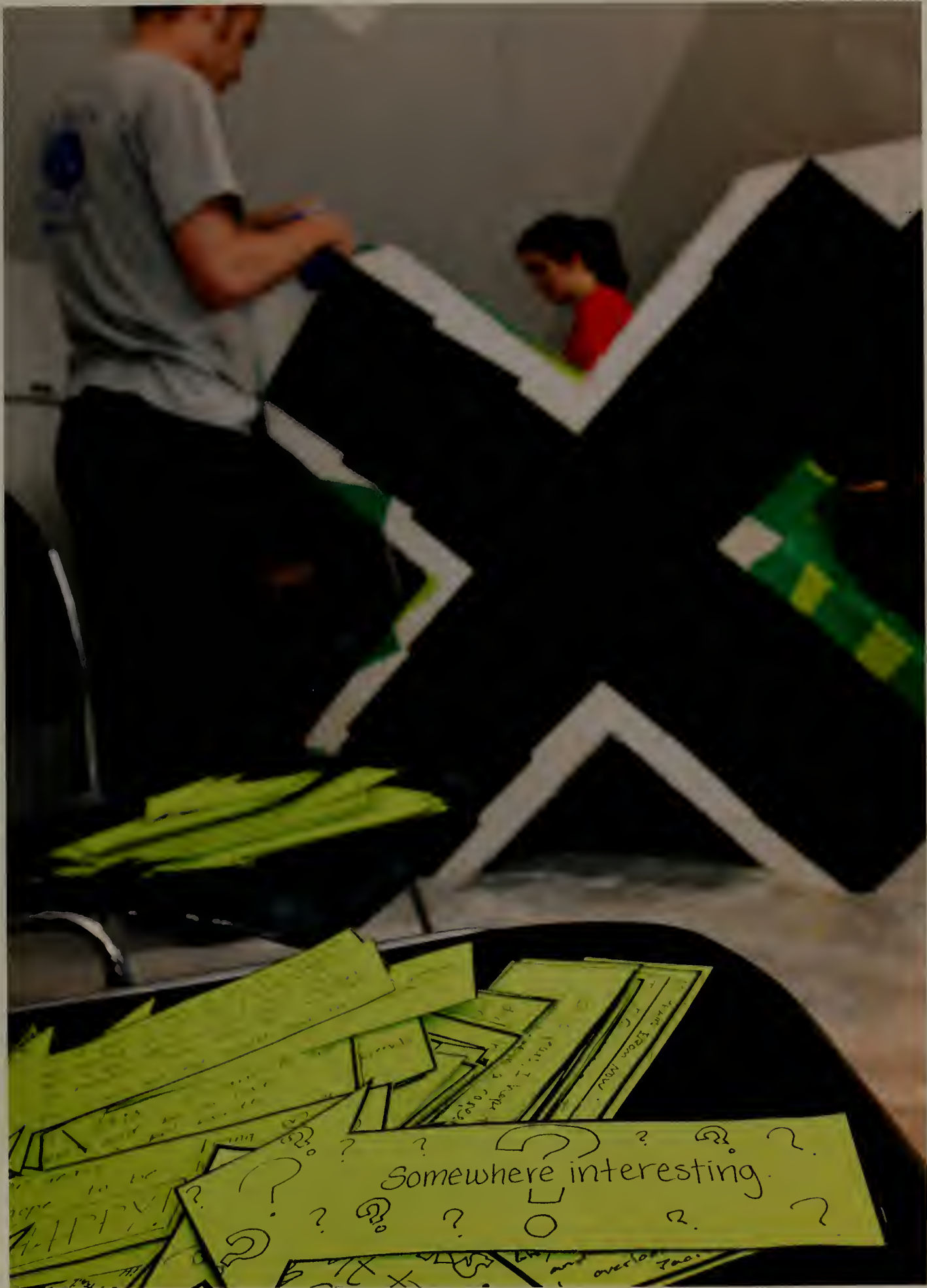
—Tim Czerwienski

OPPOSITE: Katie Kudzma '08 and the BC Bands sculpture



ABOVE: Physics graduate student Kristie Loncich (left) and Margaret Huang '10 in the Brighton Dance Studio with the 10-foot X. BELOW: From left, Angel Ng '09, Maggie Pang '11, and Victoria Yu '09 of the Chinese Students Association. OPPOSITE: One hundred road signs await application to the Intersections Project sculpture.





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OPPOSITE: Loncich and Huang and glue pots. ABOVE: From left, Lynch School graduate student Jillian Stout, Mark Nugent '09, and Aubry Fappiano '09 of Intersections, in the Connolly Carriage House. BELOW: From left, Bruce Liu '09, Jimmy Quach '06, and Caroline Lau '08 of the Vietnamese Students Association





Cartoonist Bill Mauldin, c. 1945

BEHIND THE LINES

WHEN MAULDIN MET PATTON

BY TODD DEPASTINO

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LMOST EVERY DAY IN THE summer and fall of 2002, they came to the Park Superior nursing home in Newport Beach, California, to honor Army Sergeant, Technician Third Grade, Bill Mauldin. They came bearing relics of their youth: medals, insignia, photographs, and carefully folded newspaper clippings. Some wore old garrison caps. Others arrived in uniforms over a half-century old. Almost all of them wept as they filed down the corridor like pilgrims fulfilling some long-neglected obligation. ¶ Sergeant Mauldin never led men in battle. Only once during World War II did he discharge his weapon, killing a diseased bull to



"Try to say sumpin' funny, Joe."



"Must be a tough objective. Th' old man says we're gonna have th' honor of liberatin' it."

feed starving Italian peasants. He had fought the war with an ink brush, on the pages of the U.S. Army's 45th Division *News* and the *Stars and Stripes*, and in hundreds of home-front newspapers and magazines. And now the 80-year-old cartoonist was dying, his body ravaged by infection and his mind succumbing to Alzheimer's disease.

The first old soldier at Mauldin's bedside was Jay Gruenfeld, a 77-year-old veteran of the 43rd Division who had been wounded five times in the Philippines. Gruenfeld was lying in an Army hospital in 1945, a scared, lonely 21-year-old, when his father sent him Mauldin's best-selling book of cartoons and text, *Up Front*. The book featured Mauldin's signature characters, the infantrymen Willie and Joe—two surly and alienated footsloggers—and it spoke to Gruenfeld like nothing else. More important, it seemed to speak *for* him, expressing his grief, exhaustion, and flickering hope.

After leaving Mauldin's bedside, Gruenfeld wrote to newspapers and veterans' organizations, urging other old soldiers to visit the cartoonist and boost his spirits the way Willie and Joe had buoyed theirs during the war. The result was immediate. In hundreds of cards and letters, in shaky handwriting, veterans told Mauldin that his cartoons "saved my soul in that war" or "kept my humanity alive" amid the slaughter. Widows thanked the cartoonist for comforting

their husbands before they were killed in battle. Columnist Bob Greene of the *Chicago Tribune* took up Gruenfeld's call that August, and mail began arriving at the nursing home by the sackful, topping 10,000 letters by autumn. So many veterans sought to drop in on Mauldin that the staff had to turn most of them away.

To a newspaperman, one veteran explained: "You [had] to be part of a combat infantry unit to appreciate what moments of relief Bill gave us. . . . You had to be reading a soaking wet *Stars and Stripes* in a water-filled foxhole." It was Bill Mauldin's great talent to transform the lowly, disaffected infantryman's ragged appearance and sardonic attitude into marks of pride and respect. It was his great achievement to convince many of the Army's leaders by dint of his humor, honesty, and popularity, that this "work[ing] off of [the men's] complaints vicariously through a Mauldin cartoon," as one two-star general put it, was a good thing. Not every general was a fan, and certainly not General George S. Patton, Jr., who bristled as much at Willie and Joe's "unsoldierly" dishevelment as at Mauldin's subversive humor. A spit-and-polish three-star (at the time), Patton made it his goal beginning in 1943 to "get rid of Mauldin and his cartoons." Eventually, for the good of the Army, the cartoonist and the general would have to meet.

IN JANUARY 1945, ON AN AIRFIELD IN THE EAST OF Italy, 23-year-old New Mexico native Bill Mauldin, “a thin, intense, pale fellow,” as one acquaintance described him, drove his jeep into the hold of a C-47 transport and settled back in the cushioned leather driver’s seat for the flight to France. After a year and a half in the Mediterranean campaign, he was headed to the European theater.

In Lyon he picked up an edition of *Stars and Stripes* and discovered that the Battle of the Bulge was over. The Americans had finally pushed the Germans back to their pre-battle lines, at a cost of nearly 80,000 U.S. casualties. Mauldin was supposed to be joining the American Seventh Army, but the Seventh was resting up before its assault on the Siegfried Line, Germany’s last western defense.

With nothing pressing, Mauldin headed for Paris. This, he said, “made me technically AWOL, but when you are driving your own jeep with a pocketful of trip tickets, Paris is within reach, and your original mission is blown, what can you do?” What he could do was get arrested.

M.P.s manning the Paris roadblock had never seen anyone like Mauldin. First, there was his generous supply of open-ended trip tickets and his customized jeep, its comfortable seats cannibalized from a Lancia, its interior plastered with photos of his wife and child, its license plate sporting his name and the cartoon face of a scruffy soldier.

and a French staff officer from General Charles de Gaulle’s headquarters had exploded in fury over a gag about the notoriously reckless French army truck drivers. A stream of complaints was also bearing in from American brass. Lieutenant General John Lee, the European theater’s quartermaster in chief, was campaigning to have Mauldin’s cartoons removed from the paper.

Lee was perhaps the most hated American general in Europe. Defying an Army directive, he had requisitioned for himself and his supply men the choicest hotels in Paris, while combat soldiers on leave scrambled for barracks space at the Red Cross. A stickler for the dress code, he routinely walked the Paris streets looking for uniform violations. Under his command, pilfering and black marketeering became rampant. Thousands of gallons of gasoline were siphoned off each day, leading to a fuel crisis for advancing American armies, and inspiring a caustic Mauldin cartoon in which a jeep is shown rigged to run on charcoal (and a soldier says, “Sorry. Now we’re outta charcoal, too”). Lee retaliated by threatening to cut off the paper’s supply of newsprint.

Just as Mauldin reached Paris, General George S. Patton, Jr., commander of the Third Army, wrote a letter to *Stars and Stripes* repeating his earlier objections to Mauldin’s grimy characters. If the editors refused to move “Up Front” out of the paper, Patton warned, he would block distribution of

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Then there was his fashion statement. Mauldin was dressed for a war zone, not Paris, and his getup bore no relationship to a complete uniform. On his head he wore a furry Russian-style rabbit hat unique to the 10th Mountain Division. He wore a tank crew jacket and high-laced paratrooper jump boots, but no insignia. The big patch pockets of his combat fatigue pants held pencils and paper. And in solidarity with the men of the lines, his hair flowed longer than regulation allowed.

The M.P.s took him into custody, but Mauldin managed a concession. Instead of transporting him to jail, they agreed to deliver him to the Paris offices of *Stars and Stripes*, where the staff vouched for him and he was released.

If Paris greeted Mauldin with a frying pan, it also had a fire waiting. The local edition of *Stars and Stripes* had been running his cartoon feature “Up Front” for a few months,

Stars and Stripes to his troops. Though famously erratic and combustible, Patton was also a full-fledged national hero, having led the Allied counteroffensive in the Ardennes. The editors at *Stars and Stripes* immediately passed their delicate problem on to the Army’s Information and Education Division, directed in Europe by a former White House aide, Oscar N. Solbert.

A consummate fixer, General Solbert invited Mauldin to a meeting in his office. “The room reeked of good fellowship,” the cartoonist recalled.

“I hear you’re having a little trouble with George,” Solbert said with a smile after asking Mauldin about his time in Paris. “I’ll be frank with you, son,” he continued. “A lot of us around here are worried about the way he keeps getting himself into peculiar situations, publicity-wise.” The general was doubtless referring to a well-publicized incident in

which Patton had visited patients in a field hospital in Sicily and slapped two privates he'd suspected of malingering. Solbert noted that Patton's threat to "Up Front" was "just the sort of thing that might make a story."

The general assured Mauldin that most officers at Supreme Allied Headquarters, including Solbert himself, enjoyed the cartoons and thought they were good for morale. But, he suggested, Mauldin might want to consider cleaning up his characters somewhat. Their appearance, he said, was affecting replacement troops, who now "think they've got to roll in a muddy ditch and grow whiskers before they're socially acceptable." Besides, he added, only a small portion of the Army ever saw the frontlines. Could Mauldin broaden his scope and include other characters besides combat infantrymen? Finally, playing his trump card, Solbert told the cartoonist that a reformed Willie and Joe would help the war effort by easing Patton's unstable mind.

Solbert's words placed Mauldin in a familiar predicament: To sanitize or not to sanitize? Fortunately, Mauldin had friends in Paris. Reporter Will Lang of Time-Life and Sergeant Bill Estoff, the circulation manager at *Stars and Stripes*, met with him in a bar around the corner from the *Stars and Stripes* office. There they plotted to take Mauldin's cause all the way to the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

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Estoff was the plan's indispensable man. Balding and heavyset, the middle-aged sergeant cut an unimpressive soldierly profile. Before being drafted, he'd been a bookie in Syracuse, New York, a history he eventually came clean about while languishing in a replacement depot in England. When the need arose for a circulation manager in the Mediterranean, the depot's officer in charge figured "book-maker" meant "publisher" and sent him to *Stars and Stripes*.

The streetwise Estoff put the situation succinctly to Mauldin. The problem was that Patton "made a threat about you and it's all over town," he said. "He keeps sticking his foot in his mouth . . . and now it's freedom of the press that's involved."

"I'm not looking for trouble with Patton," Mauldin said.

"That's not the point," countered Estoff. "The issue is a lot bigger than you are."

"You've got the Army in a bind," he explained again a day or two later. "If they make you change your stuff, everybody will ask how come your dogfaces [infantrymen] got creases in their pants all of a sudden. If they leave you alone, they've still got old Georgie chewing the rug and trying to push the paper around."

Estoff's solution was to approach Navy captain Harry Butcher, General Eisenhower's aide and confidante who in civilian life had been vice president of CBS Radio. Estoff enjoyed ready access to Butcher through Butcher's mistress, whom Estoff had somehow met early on in Paris.

A discreet inquiry from Estoff to Butcher triggered a quick response. The supreme commander wished to have the Mauldin dispute settled. Would Sergeant Estoff please escort Sergeant Mauldin to Butcher's office for a meeting?

Butcher greeted the little group warmly and asked Lang and Estoff to wait outside while he spoke with Mauldin. The captain appeared just as friendly as General Solbert had, but took a blunter approach. He explained the Patton situation as General Eisenhower saw it. "We've all decided," he said flatly, "the best solution is for you to go have a talk with the general [Patton] himself."

Mauldin was scared, he admitted later. "I remember thinking that I had come a long way in a few years but that I had finally overplayed my hand." Clearly required to say

something in reply to Butcher, he managed a weak promise to "think it over," while also respectfully questioning the value of driving 180 miles to Patton's headquarters in Luxembourg just to get chewed out. The shaken cartoonist left Butcher's office to consult with his friends.

Lang and Estoff explained that the proposition wasn't optional, and Mauldin returned to Butcher's office saying, as Butcher noted in his diary, that "he had mustered up his courage and if I'd make the appointment, he would go to Third Army headquarters and see old Blood and Guts himself."

"Morning, General," Butcher chirped in his phone call to Patton, with Mauldin standing by. "How's Willie?" he asked, referring to William the Conqueror, Patton's pet bull terrier.

As the two men exchanged pleasantries, Butcher waved



"My, sir—what an enthusiastic welcome!"



"Th' hell with it, sir. Let's go back to the front."

to Mauldin to pick up the extension and listen in. The cartoonist heard a shrill, squeaky voice that he first ascribed to France's antiquated telephone system. As Butcher explained the reason for his call, the high-pitched voice on the other end took unmistakable form:

"If that little son of a bitch sets foot in Third Army, I'll throw his ass in jail."

Butcher was not Ike's aide for nothing. He merely shifted into the first-person-plural mode of address.

"General," he said plainly, "we feel around here that it might be a good thing to do." The debate was over. Butcher casually laid out the terms. The meeting would be private, face-to-face, man-to-man, no rank.

MAULDIN AND LANG SET OUT FOR LUXEMBOURG ON the afternoon of February 27. Pulling off the road as they neared the Third Army's territory, the young sergeant prepared himself, as instructed. Both he and his jeep had to conform to the Third Army's strict code of appearance, Butcher had warned, or the interview would go badly. Mauldin cleaned and standardized his jeep as much as possible, slipping a hood over his personalized license plate and, though it was cold and rainy, folding down and covering his windshield. The furry hat was gone, replaced by a helmet. He also

wore a necktie, neatly creased shirt and pants, and a polished sidearm to match his regulation boots.

Nonetheless, in Luxembourg Mauldin encountered the usual trouble with M.P.s, who took him down a muddy road to the provost marshal. The officer tried to make sense of his papers. It appeared that Sergeant Mauldin, though from the Mediterranean theater, was now on detached duty with the Seventh Army in Alsace, that he'd stolen a jeep, gone AWOL in Paris, and was now in Luxembourg claiming a meeting with General Patton. Thinking Mauldin deranged, the provost marshal ordered the M.P.s to treat the "looney bastard" gently, and he humored the visitor by placing a call to Patton's public relations officer, Major James T. Quirk, who confirmed Mauldin's mission. The provost coolly apologized for making the sergeant late.

"Oh, that's all right," the cartoonist responded nonchalantly, "the appointment was pretty well open, depending on when I got there."

Mauldin drove slowly to the palace Patton had requisitioned for his headquarters. Inside, "a small task force of vitamin-packed M.P.s with mirror-toed shoes and simonized headgear" looked him over, he later recalled, and then he was passed to Major Quirk and General Hap Gay, Patton's chief of staff, who subjected the guest to more



"Fresh, spirited American troops, flushed with victory, are bringing in thousands of hungry, ragged, battle-weary prisoners . . ."
(News item)

scrutiny. "Undoubtedly Sgt. Mauldin is a great cartoonist," Gay wrote in his diary, "and much to the surprise of the Author, he is merely a boy." Quirk led Mauldin upstairs to the gilded room that served as Patton's office. At the end of what seemed like a football field's length of baroque carpeting, sat the general behind his desk, "big as life," Mauldin recalled, "even at that distance":

His hair was silver, his face was pink, his collar and shoulders glittered with more stars than I could count, his fingers sparkled with rings, and an incredible mass of ribbons started around desktop level and spread upward in a flood over his chest to the very top of his shoulder, as if preparing to march down his back, too. His face was rugged, with an odd, strangely shapeless outline; his eyes were pale, almost colorless, with a choleric bulge. His small, compressed mouth was sharply downturned at the corners, with a lower lip which suggested a pouting child as much as a nonsense martinet. It was a welcome, rather human touch. Beside him, lying in a big chair, was Willie, the bull terrier. If ever a dog was suited to master this one was. Willie had his beloved boss's expression and lacked only the ribbons and stars. I stood in that door staring into the four meanest eyes I had ever seen.



"I feel like a fugitive from th' law of averages."

Then Patton's high squeaky voice broke the spell. "Come in, Major," the general said, addressing Quirk in his upper-class Southern accent. Mauldin marched with his escort across the carpet, came to a swift halt, and flashed his smartest salute since basic training.

"Hello, Sergeant," said Patton, grinning weakly ("an impressive muscular feat," Mauldin noted, "considering the distance the corners of his mouth had to travel").

In defiance of the deal struck with Butcher, Patton told Quirk to stay. "Now then, Sergeant," he said abruptly, "about those pictures you draw of those god-awful things you call soldiers. . . . You make them look like goddamn bums. No respect for the Army, their officers, or themselves. . . . What are you trying to do, incite a goddamn mutiny?"

If Mauldin had a reply in mind, he never got to use it. Patton brooked no interruptions while on an oratorical roll:

"The Bolsheviks made their officers dress like soldiers, eat with soldiers, no saluting, everybody calling everybody Comrade—and where did it get 'em? While they ran an army like that they couldn't fight their way out of a piss-soaked paper bag. Now they've learned their lesson. They put uniforms back on their officers. Some men are born to

lead and don't need those little metal dinguses on their shoulders. Hell, I could command troops in a G-string. But in wartime, you're bound to get some officers who don't know how to act without being dressed for it. The Russians learned you had to have rank and if some comrade looks cross-eyed at a superior today he gets his teeth kicked in. . . . How long do you think you'd last drawing those pictures in the Russian army?"

It was another rhetorical question, prelude to another lecture-cum-diatribes, about the need for military discipline, larded with examples reaching back to antiquity. Though clearly the object of Patton's scorn, Mauldin sat enthralled. It was, he said afterward, "as if I were hearing Michelangelo on painting."

Mauldin absently reached out with his drawing hand to pet Willie, then quickly pulled it back as the bull terrier poised to strike. Had he not done so, the cartoonist mused years later, Willie "would have put me out of business, accomplishing in one snap what his master was trying to do the hard way."

Finally, winding down, Patton opened a desk drawer and pulled out a small stack of clippings from *Stars and Stripes*. "I'm going to show you what I consider some prime goddamn examples of what I mean by creating disrespect."

On top of the stack sat a cartoon of Willie and Joe pelting their commander from behind with ripe fruit as civilians throw flowers during a parade through a liberated French village ("My, sir—what an enthusiastic welcome!" the general's aide says, unaware). Another sample, which the general held up "by the tips of his thumb and forefinger as if it were contaminated," Mauldin recalled, depicted enlisted men lined up outside a theater for a USO show. Around the corner, at the stage door, neatly dressed officers wait for the dancing girls.

"Where are the words under this one?" stormed Patton. "Somebody cut off the goddamn words!"

"Sir, there wasn't any caption under that one," Mauldin replied, starting at the sound of his own voice.

He tried to explain what the drawing meant—that enlisted men can only look at the girls, but officers get to take them out.

"You think the soldiers ought to get laid instead of the officers, don't you?" challenged Patton, managing a slight grin.

Then, in what was for Patton an astonishingly gracious move, the general sat back in his chair and gave Mauldin the floor to answer a question: "Why did you draw this picture if it wasn't to create disrespect for officers?"

Mauldin responded with the "letting-off steam" theory of morale that had justified his career for four and a half years. Combat soldiers, he explained, stewed constantly about get-

ting "the short end of the stick in everything, including women." They might not blame the women for the situation, or the officers, Mauldin hastened to add. But the inequity planted a powerful sense of injustice.

"Jesus Christ, Major, does this make any sense to you?" Patton asked his public relations officer. Then he allowed the cartoonist to continue.

Mauldin concluded his short speech saying that when the aggrieved soldiers open *Stars and Stripes* and see a cartoon that expresses their gripes, they feel validated and are thus less likely to cause problems within the ranks.

"I don't know where you got those stripes on your arm," Patton stated as if Mauldin had never spoken, "but you'd put 'em to a lot better use getting out and teaching respect to soldiers instead of encouraging them to bitch and beef and gripe and run around with beards on their faces and holes in their elbows. Now I've just got one last thing to say to you: You can't run an army like a mob."

"Sir, I never thought you could—" the young man started to reply. But the general looked at his watch. The meeting was over.

Mauldin rose, snapped another sharp salute, and marched toward the door. Behind him, he heard Willie jump up and reclaim the chair.

BACK ON THE ROAD, MAULDIN RECOUNTED THE events to Lang, who asked Harry Butcher for permission to publish an account. Butcher approved the idea so long as Lang "didn't embellish it with too much color," Butcher's diary records. Ten days later, *Time* magazine ran a 165-word article titled "G.I. Mauldin v. G. Patton."

"After 45 minutes with Old Blood & Guts," the article said, "Young Gags & Grime emerged grinning, report[ing] last week: 'I came out with all my hide on. We parted good friends, but I don't think we changed each other's opinions.' Mauldin G.I.s remained unwashed, unscathed."

Patton of course went nuts when Butcher read the article to him over the phone, threatening once again to throw Mauldin in jail if he ever ventured into the Third Army area.

But Eisenhower had had enough. Officers, Ike stated plainly in a letter sent throughout the European theater, are "not to interfere" in "such things as Mauldin's cartoons," nor in other controversial materials published in *Stars and Stripes*.

"It looks to me," wrote Butcher in his diary, "as if General Patton . . . has lost the battle of Mauldin." ■

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The camp

A report from limbo

The Kakuma Refugee Camp is a moderate-sized "city" of tents, shacks, and thatched roof huts in the desert of northwest Kenya, inhabited by more than 90,000 refugees (Sudanese, Ethiopian, and Somali, mostly, but also Congolese, Burundian, Rwandan, and Ugandan). Dating to 1991, it is equally a sanctuary and a prison—once admitted, residents cannot leave without permission of the Kenyan government—and inside its fences, children age into adulthood. The United Nations High Commission on Refugees administers the camp, with aid from a patchwork of international relief agencies, or nongovernmental organizations (NGOs). In October 2006, Boston College's Center for Human Rights and International Justice, led by David Hollenbach, SJ, cosponsored a conference in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi on the rights of forced migrants. There to give a firsthand account of the fenced-in life was the author, a 41-year-old, 12-year resident of Kakuma:

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W*ithin the Ethiopian community of the Kakuma*

Refugee Camp where I live is a marketplace filled with shops from which you can buy almost anything, and coffeehouses and restaurants that show the latest English Premier League football match. To the occasional visitor to the camp who sees the busy Ethiopian businesses, started with a loan from an NGO or with money sent by family from abroad, and who witnesses the refugees enjoying coffee together while watching CNN, Ethiopians in Kakuma appear to be contented and calm. But the truth is different. There are only bodies in Kakuma. Everyone's souls are traveling; they have gone for resettlement, completed interrupted college studies, saved as much money as they wanted, in the world of daydreams.

OPPOSITE: The author amid fencing built from the thorny branches of the acacia tree



ABOVE: A sign warns of unexploded ordnance near the camp.

BELOW: Residents of Kakuma's Ethiopian community watch CNN at the Unity Hotel and Coffee Shop.



IN KAKUMA PEOPLE FIGHT FOR NO REASON. Among the Ethiopians, conflicts generally blow over without becoming too serious, except for domestic problems, which do not seem to settle so quickly. A husband who is embittered by his long refugee life releases his anger on his wife: "Why are you quiet?" "Why are you late?" "Why is lunch late?" "Who was that man you were with?" These are grounds enough to use violence, or to divorce. Children are punished for playing with friends or watching TV.

A wife whose husband does not have a shop or a resettlement prospect like others, who has no task to do other than to assist her in cooking and fetching water, may see reason to despise and undermine him. She may desert him for another man.

Ninety percent of allegations brought to the Ethiopian bench court in Kakuma are domestic in nature.

I HAVE OBSERVED THAT THIS LONG REFUGEE life has made many refugees chronically absent-minded. Initially, it was a source of amusement. We talked among ourselves about going somewhere on a bicycle and returning without it, of looking for a torch with the very torch lighting our search, locking doors while people were inside, and many other incidents that were surely laughable. But it is of some concern when you hear that refugees do not remember what day, month, or year it is.

Some seem more affected than they realize, talking to themselves and gesturing emotionally. There are sleepwalkers, too. Many refugees have absent-mindedly left their homes at night and disappeared. It is customary to report the disappearance to the police and conduct a search for a day or two in the surrounding bush and cliffs. Then the search is given up and the person forgotten, without ever confirming whether the departed is dead or alive.

There is a similarity among the refugees who are affected by absent-mindedness, anxiety, and the inability to make decisions. All of them are male.

ETHIOPIANS FIRST SOUGHT REFUGE IN KENYA IN 1984, when a massive famine hit the country. However, a sizeable group arrived in 1991, following the overthrow of Colonel Mengistu's Marxist government by democratic rebels. The new rulers implemented policies that favored one ethnic group over another. This brought about conflict, and a large number of Ethiopians fled south across the arid land into Kenya.

Between 1995 and 1998, a certain kind of story would pop up within the Ethiopian community in Kakuma, every

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two or three months: "The United States of America has requested to resettle all Ethiopian refugees, and registration will soon start"; "Australia and Canada are arguing—'Those hard-working Ethiopian refugees are not to be resettled only by the USA, we must also have a share.'" The rumor would spread quickly. Sometimes it would reach other communities in Kakuma, who would become concerned that only Ethiopians were being considered for resettlement. A mind starved of information creates information of its own and feeds on it. Then, emptiness returns.

SEBSIBE NIGUSIE WAS A REFUGEE WHO, NO MATTER what, always talked of returning back home. He often fell sick of malaria, and during his illnesses he was disturbed by nightmares. One night he disappeared. After a two-day search, he was found about 25 miles from the camp, unable to say where he was going, unaware even of the direction he was going in. He was brought to the Kakuma police station, and once back in the camp seemed to be much improved.

However, after a while he again began to show strange behaviors. He said he heard voices. At this time, there were no special clinics or professionals to treat this type of illness. One morning a friend of mine told me that Sebsibe had disappeared again. It was not unexpected; many refugees had done the same before him.

This time, in collaboration with locals, a wide and long search was conducted for days. Then, a few days of mourn-

One day, Yayeh's wife came home with "good news." A neighbor had volunteered to include her name on his resettlement form as his wife, and to add Yayeh's daughter as his own. Yayeh's wife and daughter went abroad as the wife and daughter of the other man.

ing, and he was forgotten. After two weeks, locals found his remains, which had been ravaged by a wild animal.

Ethiopian refugees in Kakuma seem to have a collective personality. The death of one is like a blow for all. After a burial, everyone seems to have buried something of themselves. Heads are down more than normal, faces are signboards of unspeakable sorrow. Everyone is crying; weeping for himself. Who will be next? It is not fear of death exactly, but of dying as an unfulfilled refugee.

YAYEH MAMO WAS MY NEIGHBOR WHO LIVED IN THE camp selling tea and coffee with his wife. He had been a fourth-year agriculture student at Alemaya University, back in Ethiopia. He had always dreamt of going abroad, completing his studies, and becoming a renowned scientist. For him, Kakuma was like the Dead Sea, without a trace of life. His wife, Sara, was often sick, so it was mainly left to him to sell the tea and coffee and buy the extra food she needed. They loved each other. In 1997 Sara gave birth to a beautiful baby girl. Yayeh always told people how his dull refugee life changed completely after the arrival of his baby.

One day Sara came home with "good news." A neighbor had volunteered to include her name on his resettlement form as his wife, and to add Yayeh's daughter as his own. Yayeh told me that he did not care what happened to himself, as long as his wife and child were safe somewhere. After one year, Yayeh's wife and daughter went abroad as the wife and

daughter of the other man. Yayeh hoped they would someday reunite.

Without his wife and daughter, Yayeh found life more difficult than he had imagined. The loneliness was unbearable, nothing could take the place of their voices. The occasional letter he received from Sara was never enough to quench his longing. One day Sara wrote Yayeh a letter that made him deeply regret what he had done: The health of his daughter was deteriorating as she cried constantly for her beloved father. She was not sleeping well, not eating well. All letters and phone calls became about the decline of his daughter's health. Anxiety-stricken, Yayeh fled Kakuma for Nairobi, more than 500 miles away, where he could make cheaper international phone calls to hear the voice of his daughter. He never returned to Kakuma.

REFUGEES WHO SPEND YEARS AND YEARS stagnating in a camp seem unable to think sensibly, or even sanely. They are impulsive, like an animal cornered by its predator. They burn their own houses and accuse a neighbor of doing it; wound their own bodies with knives and accuse others of acting against them out of ethnic differences.

Women report being raped by someone they know as a way to gain resettlement and freedom.

Sometimes Ethiopians marry non-Ethiopians to set up their escape from the camp. For example, an Ethiopian man marries a Somali woman. Soon problems occur, and the family of the woman—called a "case wife"—attacks the man. Then, an appeal is made to camp officials by the man: "My wife is a Somali woman and now her family and other Somalis are threatening to kill me." The couple are given permission to leave the camp. By prior agreement, the marriage will be dissolved once they are out of Kakuma.

Mohamed Ali is an Ethiopian refugee. He was about 35 years old at the time of the incident I'm about to describe, and the owner of a small shop. He had a "case wife." She was from the Somali community. He had many times appealed to camp officials that his life was in danger, but his claims did not convince them. Then the couple had a new idea. One night there was a shout of distress and a call for help. Neighbors arrived at the house of Mohamed Ali to find his wife rolling on the ground burning all over in a fire that smelled of kerosene. Strangely, Mohamed was taking snapshots. They were most likely for evidence. Mohamed never thought that photographing his burning wife rather than trying to save her would jeopardize his "case."

ETHIOPIANS FLEEING THEIR HOMELAND IN 1991 initially settled for about two years in northeast Kenya's



ABOVE: A friend of the author, in her Kakuma home

BELOW: A young girl guides an elderly blind woman along the Ethiopian market street.





ABOVE: The Ethiopian community pool hall

Walda Refugee Camp before heading to Kakuma. During this period, the 800 or so displaced college students who were living in Walda founded a library in a tent, with six fiction books collected from friends and written in Amharic, Ethiopia's national language. In 1993, the library was transplanted to Kakuma, and in 2006 it boasted more than 15,000 volumes—textbooks, reference books, novels—and many magazines.

The librarian who volunteered in the Walda camp library in 1992 is now the chief librarian at Kakuma. For all he has done to create and expand the library, he still feels unfulfilled. When he fled his homeland, he was 20 years old and in his second year of library science studies at Addis Ababa University. Today he is a graying man of 37.

Ex-students of higher education are well represented in the Ethiopian refugee community. Almost all of them work as teachers in the camp schools—kindergarten through high school—earning an “incentive” that amounts to less than \$50 a month and collecting their food ration. (Kenyan law prohibits the employment of refugees; they can only volunteer and receive token incentives for doing so.) There is precious little other work or activity in the camp that can stimulate their minds, and in this long camp life, they seem to

have lost what they learned at college. Yet some of their students, having grown up, are now in colleges and universities, and in the camp, some are inspectors and head teachers.

I ask the teachers how they feel when they see a student rise from kindergarten to head teacher of the school they themselves teach in. They say they are proud of their students' achievements, but they are also very sad. “For the last 15 years,” one said to me, “I was like a ladder standing against the wall. All of those students of mine climb on me and reach where they want to, as I continue standing forever—more leaning against the wall.” ■

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Refugee study group

AT A TIME WHEN SOME 33 MILLION PEOPLE WORLDWIDE HAVE EITHER FLED their countries of birth or live as forced migrants within their native lands, a quiet academic multi-disciplinary research group is attempting to serve those who serve the dispossessed. The Center for Human Rights and International Justice at Boston College was started in 2005 not only to advocate for refugees but also to be an intellectual sounding board and idea generator for the world's legions of relief workers.

In October 2006, the center sponsored its first international conference, in Nairobi, Kenya, drawing speakers from across Africa and the West to focus on such subjects as repatriation, protection, and freedom of movement for refugees. A conference planned for November at Boston College will take a broad view, addressing the root causes of the global refugee problem and solutions to it. Speakers will include Walter Kalin, the representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons, and Archbishop Silvano Tomasi, the permanent observer of the Holy See to the U.N.'s office in Geneva. The Jesuit Refugee Service, an international organization with programs in more than 20 countries, expects to send all nine of its regional directors to the conference, which it is cosponsoring.

The idea for the center came in part from the experiences of its director, David Hollenbach, SJ, a professor of theology at Boston College, during a stint in Kenya in the mid-1990s. Hollenbach, who has made a career of exploring issues of human rights and social justice, was teaching at Nairobi's Hekima College, a Jesuit theology school for priestly formation. In his class were students from eastern and central Africa, regions torn by violence, forced migration, and genocide. Hollenbach accompanied John Guiney, SJ, former director of the Jesuit Refugee Service in eastern Africa, to the Kakuma refugee camp, flying the 500 miles aboard a cargo plane with wooden benches on his first visit. The result, over time, was Hollenbach's design for an academic center that could support the day-to-day work of the relief providers.

The center is "a great example for us and a great help," says Kenneth Gavin, SJ, national director of Jesuit Refugee Service/USA and an attendee at the Nairobi conference. Its efforts provide aid workers, often consumed by daily emergencies, with "a better theological and philosophical underpinning [for] what we're doing. We don't want to do just Band-Aid type work," he says. Gavin cites the center's concerns with the ethical implications of confining refugees to camps such as Kakuma; with maintaining the dignity of long-time camp residents; and with finding permanent solutions to regional food shortages. The center, he says, "helps us hone where we should be moving our advocacy."

Not all of the center's work involves international refugees. Professor Daniel Kanstroom of Boston College Law School heads a project that studies U.S. deportation law and policy and provides legal assistance to deportees. And Professor M. Brinton Lykes of the Lynch School of Education leads research on the problems of Americans displaced by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

—Seth Gitell



From left: affiliated faculty M. Brinton Lykes and Daniel Kanstroom and center director David Hollenbach, SJ

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"[The bishops' statement] says we are not single-issue voters. It insists that people have to make up their own minds, an extraordinary affirmation of the individual's relationship with the Creator. I think what the bishops are proposing is a hierarchy of evils. The fundamental issue is sanctity of life, so they start with abortion. Second is structural sin—poverty and other oppressions. We have to be careful about war—but we do have a tradition in the Church of just and unjust war. There is also the death penalty. Third are the cultural issues, marriage and so on. [The statement] reads a lot like Scripture—you can pick and choose. But the message throughout is this: Life is important; sanctity of life is important."

—Paul Manuel, professor of politics at St. Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire, MTS '03 Weston Jesuit School of Theology, on the U.S. bishops' 2007 statement "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship." His comment is drawn from a panel discussion held in Cushing Hall on March 25, 2008.

Foremothers

Five women theologians on the women who inspire them

It was Ash Wednesday, February 6, and at dusk the entrance to Lower Campus was jammed with drivers destined for St. Ignatius Church and the rush-hour meting out of ashes to foreheads. Many in the crowded Heights Room wore the day's dark smudges, though the event on the schedule—"Foremothers in Faith: Historic Women for Our Time"—was more an informed celebration than an occasion for penance. Sponsors were BC's Church in the 21st Century and Women's Resource centers. Excerpts from the talks follow.

THE APOSTLE

by Lisa Sowle Cahill

Ask Catholics who the most important woman in the New Testament is, and the answer will probably be Mary, the mother of Jesus. And she is important, but not

because she is the biological mother of Jesus so much as because she is a disciple. Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell a story in which Jesus is preaching to a crowd and someone says to him, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside." Jesus replies, gesturing to his disciples, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." The message is that Jesus's mother is important because she hears the will of God and obeys it. Yet the woman to whom Jesus gives the most attention in that regard is not his mother, but Mary Magdalene.

I've asked any number of undergraduate classes who Mary Magdalene was and have gotten, in the main, two answers. The first is that she was a prostitute who repented and whose sins Jesus forgave. The slightly more sophisticated answer, from people more familiar with the Bible,



St. Catherine of Siena (1347–80) and Anglican mystic Evelyn Underhill (1875–1941)

is that Mary Magdalene was the woman who, during dinner at a Pharisee's house, poured a jar of perfume on Jesus's feet, bathed them with her tears, and dried them with her hair. However, this woman was *not* Mary Magdalene. In Luke's gospel, she is unnamed. John's gospel says she was Mary of Bethany, the sister of Lazarus.

Although in the New Testament Mary Magdalene is never described in sexual terms, a 17th-century oil painting, *The Penitent Magdalene*, by Giovanni Gioseffo dal Sole, depicts her typically. She is seen gazing at a crucifix, representing Jesus suffering for our sins. From her dolorous expression, she appears mindful of her own sins, and as if to recall what these were, she is bare-breasted, with nothing but a cloth and her long flowing hair to cover her. The edge of one breast can be seen. She wears the halo of a saint, but

what is most striking about her is the negative sexual role she conveys.

There have been several modern attempts to elevate the status of Mary Magdalene. In 2003, for instance, Dan Brown's novel *The Da Vinci Code* declared her to be Jesus's wife and the mother of his children, a more positive role, to be sure, but one still stereotypically sexual. And, too, the fiction misses the New Testament's point that a woman's status depends not on family, wealth, or prestige, but, as for men, on faith and faithful action.

So, what do we really know about Mary Magdalene? Luke identifies her as a woman from whom Jesus had cast out seven demons. In the New Testament, demonic possession does not necessarily connote sin. There are accounts of Jesus casting demons out of people who seem clearly to have been mentally ill—for example, the man who lived and ran naked

among the tombs; Jesus cast out his demons and restored him to normal behavior. We don't know for sure what demons represent, but they should not be equated with prostitution.

Luke says that Mary Magdalene was one of several women who went around with Jesus and "the twelve" and who "provided for them out of their resources." These were women, then, who had a little money and helped pay the apostles' expenses. They were disciples and patrons of Jesus's mission.

We also know that Mary Magdalene was one of the women near Jesus at the time of his death, who stayed at the foot of the cross after most of the male disciples fled, and who went to the tomb to anoint Jesus's body. And that leads us to the most important fact about Mary Magdalene: All four gospels portray her as one of the first witnesses to the Resurrection. In at least

two gospels—Matthew and John—she sees Jesus before the male disciples John and Peter do. Jesus says to her, “Go and tell my brothers.” In John’s gospel, the word “announced” is used: “Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord.’” In Greek, that word “announced” is special; it is used to refer to the apostles’ mission to preach the gospel.

Bernard of Clairvaux, a medieval theologian, called Mary Magdalene the “apostle to the apostles.” John Paul II in his letter on the dignity and vocation of women, *Mulieris Dignitatem*, called her this, too. Mary Magdalene was an apostle for the same reasons and in the same way that St. Paul was. Neither was one of the original twelve, but both saw the risen Jesus and were sent by him to announce the gospel. What possibilities might that leave us with, in regard to the status of women in the Church today?

DAUGHTERS

by Rabbi Ruth Langer

It is profoundly challenging to be asked to find a Jewish woman who is a model for me in my life and in the values that I hold. It is not that such women haven’t existed. But the premodern literary culture that we depend upon for our knowledge about our models in the Jewish world was almost exclusively male, and didn’t bother to preserve women’s traditions or tell their stories. Contemporary scholarship is beginning to uncover a great deal about women in general, but there are not many individuals to whom we can attach a name, let alone a face.

We glimpse a few powerful women in the Bible—women who are not defined solely by their infertility and subsequent motherhood. Deborah the Judge was perhaps the leader of her people in the battles with Sisera. But according to medieval rabbinic tradition, as a woman she could not possibly have functioned publicly as a judge; rather, she instructed others how to rule. Esther saved the Jews from slaughter, but by dint of her beauty and fortuitous place in the Persian king’s harem. She won’t do.

We know that Bruriah, the wife of the second-century sage Rabbi Meir, was

learned, but we have at best one and a half traditions about what she taught. From the 18th century, we have the diary (finally) of a woman named Glückel of Hameln, but she ran a business empire. The same is true of the fabulously wealthy 16th-century Doña Gracia Nasi, who was born to a converso (new-Christian) family in Portugal but was able to live publicly as a Jew in Italy. Through strategic use of her family’s wealth, including the liberal bribing of kings and popes, Doña Gracia was instrumental in protecting conversos from the Inquisition and in developing institutions of public Jewish life (including synagogues, hospitals, and yeshivas), primarily in the Ottoman Empire. But neither of these two women, of whom we know a great deal, was prophetic as I would define the term—that is, religiously learned and powerful.

Either we focus on near contemporaries for our models, or we build imaginatively on the few clues that history has preserved. Some female novelists have opted for construction. Grounding their historical fictions in research about the worlds in which they set their stories, elaborating on a tiny handful of clues (or rumors), they have created narratives that are often more reflective of their own values and concerns than of history.

Maggie Anton’s trilogy, *Rashi’s Daughters*, of which two books have been published (*Joheved*, in 2005; *Miriam*, in 2007), is an intriguing example. Rashi is an acronym for a great man—the Jewish Aquinas, if you will—whose name was Rabbi Shlomo Yitzchaki. He was trained in the Rhineland academies that toward the end of his life were wiped out by the Crusaders. Luckily, economic circumstances forced him to return to northern France to run his family’s vineyards before the Crusades. His commentaries on the Bible and the Talmud serve as the repository of the Rhineland teachings and are the primary commentaries used to study these texts even today.

Of fascination to generations of feminists is the fact that Rashi had no sons. He had three daughters. Each married a learned man, and several of their sons became leading sages, whose voices continue to have weight.

Based on a few hints preserved in the writings of this family, and even more on

imagination, it has become common thinking among women of our day that Rashi, lacking sons to educate, taught his daughters what had previously been exclusively male knowledge; he taught them Talmud.

From this speculation, Anton offers a remarkable story of Jewish women who, perhaps influenced by the religious revival going on in Christian France at the time, take on an active and public religious role. Borrowing from the historical record, she portrays these young women leading prayer in the women’s section of the synagogue (though what she depicts as happening among women in France is documented only in the Rhineland). Anton also develops what might have been the women’s private learning into a public, if still peripheral, role in their father’s academy, as they interact regularly with the male students and keep pace with the male group’s learning. More plausibly, she portrays them as their children’s primary teachers, and as influential interlocutors with their husbands over Talmudic matters.

In *Miriam*, Anton describes the second daughter’s struggles to be accepted as a *mohelet*, or ritual circumciser. Evidence suggests, however, that in 11th-century France this was not an unusual role for women, and that restrictions weren’t applied until the 14th century. A feminist, the author seems to have added the note of resistance from the community because she wanted that fight.

Nonetheless, Anton’s fiction is a good read. And I’m glad to be sharing it with my 16-year-old daughter, who herself must struggle with the possibilities for women’s learned leadership in a tradition still very much dominated by men.

THE POLITICIAN

by M. Shawn Copeland

When I was 12, an adult friend of mine gave me a copy of Louis de Wohl’s *Lay Siege to Heaven*, the 1961 novel about Catherine of Siena. By contemporary aesthetic and critical standards, this book would not be considered noteworthy. But I was impressionable, on the verge of adolescence, thinking about high school choices, already concerned about college, and

wondering whether law school would be the right path for me. This rather marginal book introduced me to a saint—a woman who became my companion, friend, and inspiration.

Catherine of Siena was born in 1347, the youngest daughter of Giacomo di Benincasa and Lapa Piacenti. Her father was a prosperous dyer and her childhood was relatively comfortable. Early on, she decided to give herself totally to Christ; and, although she wavered briefly in her resolve, she regained her spiritual poise, refusing an arranged marriage, dramatically cutting off her hair.

Catherine was determined to live as a mantellate. These were laywomen who led lives of prayer and service from their homes and who were associated with religious orders. Catherine affiliated with the Order of Preachers, better known as the Dominicans.

Gradually, through her example of intense prayer and service to the poor and abject, Catherine gained wide influence as a woman of love and joy, of compassion and peacemaking, of prophetic authority and personal integrity. Eventually she attracted her own famiglia, a family of friends and followers.

Every age has its characteristic features. The 14th century was marked, much like our own, by a desire for truth, by cultural and social conflict, by suspicion of authority. Moreover, the Church was torn by bitter dispute. For nearly 70 years, a succession of French popes and the Roman curia had resided in Avignon. The Church was growing corrupt—pursuing money and civil power, disregarding the poor and infirm, tolerating war, and failing to provide moral leadership.

Catherine put herself in the midst of these tensions: She worked to broker peace between the warring city-states of Italy and persuaded Pope Gregory XI, over vigorous opposition from powerful cardinals and the king of France, to leave Avignon and return to Rome. Gregory's death in 1378 was followed by a contentious conclave during which Urban VI, a Neapolitan, was elected pope. The French cardinals sought to void the election. Soon two rival groups of cardinals elected two rival popes. This sad and unseemly period of bickering over the

papacy is referred to as the Great Schism of the Western Church. Catherine threw her authority and reputation behind Urban VI, strengthening his resolve and urging him to convince dissenting clerics and laity of his legitimacy with love and gentleness.

Catherine was unschooled and unlettered. She received the gift of writing when she was 30, three years before her death, but chose to dictate accounts of her mystical visions and dialogues with Christ to a secretary. In one such dialogue, Christ says to her, "You will give proofs of the Spirit that is in you, before small and great, before lay-folk and clergy and religious, for I will give you a mouth and a wisdom which none shall be able to resist. I will bring you before pontiffs and the rulers of churches and of the Christian people, in order that I may do as is my way and use what is weak to put to shame the pride of the strong." In her response to this prophetic charge, Catherine acted and spoke by divine authority, even as she transgressed social and ecclesiastical conventions by preaching and teaching in public.

Across more than six centuries, Catherine speaks to us in the midst of our cultural, social, and ecclesial tensions: "Open wide your eye of self-knowledge [which] will cause to spring up in you a stream of holy justice." And again: "Tear out every root of selfish love and self-pampering, so that you may come to know God's truth." She urges each of us to embrace and love our neighbors—near and far—for in doing so we demonstrate concretely our love of God. Her advice to the king of Hungary remains relevant: "Give everyone justice, do the right thing for everyone. . . . keep the scales steady."

At 12, I was impressed and challenged by a woman on fire with love for God and all humanity. Catherine of Siena changed the face of her world and our Church, and she made me want to do the same.

THE SHUT-IN

by Patricia DeLeeuw

Mother Julian, Julian of Norwich, was an anchoress, a peculiar sort of hermit of the late 14th century in England. Anchorites, the male version, and anchoresses were

recluses who lived not in the wilderness as the first monks and nuns did, but enclosed within small houses often attached to a church or built in a churchyard. They led religious lives outside of religious orders. There was a special liturgy of enclosure for when the anchoress was sealed into her bungalow. "Sealed," however, should not imply a lack of contact between the anchoress and the outside world. While the anchoress could not leave, the world could come to her.

In an age before counseling was a doctoral program, people from all walks of life would sit outside the hut of the anchoress and commune with her. Many traveled long distances to do so. Anchoresses like Julian were the local holy women.

The little we know about Julian's life comes from the great work that she dictated, the *Showings*, or *Revelations of Divine Love*. The revelations are the result of some 20 years of meditation by Julian on the meaning of a series of visions of Christ's passion that she had while she was gravely ill. She probably wasn't enclosed when she had the visions, but two decades of enclosure and communion with others led to the dictating of the book.

The revelations bear a key mark of late medieval piety—that is, they focus on the suffering humanity of Jesus. (Crucifixes and pieta statuary are products of late medieval piety that arise from the same impulse.) In her revelations, Julian sees Jesus's red blood trickling down from under the crown of thorns, hot, fresh, and plentiful, as she says. When she watches Jesus die, she sees the color of his skin pass from rosy to pallid to blue and then brown in death.

In a meditation on heaven, the vision she shares is equally detailed, of "the Lord as head of his own house, who had invited all his dear servants and friends to a great feast": Says Julian, "The Lord, I saw, occupied no one place in particular in his house, but presided regally over it all, suffusing it with joy and cheer. Utterly at home and with perfect courtesy, he was the eternal happiness and comfort of his beloved friends, the marvelous music of his unending love showing in the beauty of his blessed face." Julian's God is always homey, always courteous, and heaven is the sort of place where we'd all like to go.

One can almost hear the crackle of the fire in the fireplace and smell the roast in the oven.

There's been a great deal of scholarship on Julian in the past generation, including two recent dissertations in Boston College's department of theology. The consensus is that Julian, despite her claim to be unlettered—whatever that would have meant in the late 14th century in England—was a sophisticated theologian, who knew a great deal of the Christian tradition and contemporary spiritual writing.

Julian's revelations are about the economy of salvation. She understands Adam's sin to be the greatest wrong ever done, but holds the reparation—Jesus's suffering and death—as much more pleasing and honoring to God than the sin was harmful. For Julian, the lesson is that God shall make good all wrongs of whatever degree. Or, as Jesus says it to her, "Sin is inevitable, but all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well."

Julian's conclusion is that our story, the only story, is about love: "Before ever he made us, God loved us; and . . . his love has never slackened, nor ever shall. In this love, all his works have been done, and in this love, he has made everything serve us, and in this love, our life is everlasting."

Elsewhere in *Revelations* she writes, "A mother's is the most intimate, willing, and dependable of all services, because it is the truest of all. None has been able to fulfill it properly but Christ, and he alone can. We know that our own mother's bearing of us was a bearing to pain, and death. But what does Jesus, our true mother do? Why he, All-love, bears us to joy and eternal life. Blessings on him. Thus he carries us within himself in love."

Julian did not invent the language of God as mother, but she perfected it.

THE COMMUNICATOR

by Colleen Griffith

Evelyn Underhill was born in 1875 in Wolverhampton, England, and died in 1941. She was the first woman asked to give a theological lecture series at Oxford University, and the first woman invited to lead clergy retreats in the Anglican

Church. That says a lot for her theology and also for her practicality.

Underhill was the author of the classic text *Mysticism* (1911), a comprehensive study of religious experience that two years after its initial publication was already in its fifth edition. In all, she wrote more than 30 books and hundreds of articles on the spiritual life.

Texts by mystics in the Christian tradition were largely out of print in the early 20th century. People were suspicious of the term. Underhill demythologized mysticism and carved out intelligible space for it. She delivered the passion of historical Christian mystics and invited a heightened consciousness of God, which she held to be integral to spiritual life. She called God the Real, and Givingness, and Wholeness, and Creative Spirit, propounding a heart-brimming, full-bodied knowing that she said was more exactly described by the language "of touch and taste." Exercising our mystical faculty, she wrote, takes attentiveness and work and discipline: "if not the renunciation of the cloister, than at least the virtues of the golf course."

Underhill saw the need for a contemplative element in early 20th-century life, a need that so far seems all the more pressing in the 21st century. The goal, in her words, is not to become a contemplative by career, but to "transfuse our present lives of action and service with a spirit of contemplation." Prayer is required, and Underhill had lots to say about that. She likened prayer to a garden in which one finds everything, from alpenes to potatoes. She said, too, that it is like a giant ocean, in which elephants can swim and lambs can paddle. No saint will ever exhaust prayer's possibilities, and everybody can participate.

Underhill's writings urge us to choose ways of prayer that leave us supple before God—prayer that energizes, that supports us in trying times, and that challenges us to be more inclusive. Any authentic deepening in spiritual life should signal a widening of the heart, she said, and more inclusive ways of thinking and being and loving.

Perhaps her most enticing and challenging idea was that of "practical mysticism." For Underhill, who was always less interested in defining mysticism than in practicing it, mysticism implied a life

linked to social concerns. It was the art of union with reality. As our union with God grows, so does our identification with humanity and the Earth. "The riches and beauty of the spiritual landscape," Underhill said, "are not disclosed to us in order that we might sit in the sun parlor, be grateful for the excellent hospitality, and contemplate the glorious view. . . . Our place is not the auditorium, but the stage. . . . the field, workshop, study, laboratory. . . . We are the agents of the Creative Spirit, in this world." Becoming a practical mystic, to her, meant simplifying one's tangled and cluttered character and training one's attention. Regular meditation and recollection would help.

Not many people today aspire to become practical mystics, thinking, perhaps, that mysticism remains the realm of the few, the proud, and the brave. But through Underhill, we catch sight of a spirituality of ordinary life, and the possibility of an increased capacity for union with God, the Real. This doesn't require the abstentions of the cloister, just the virtues of the golf course. ■

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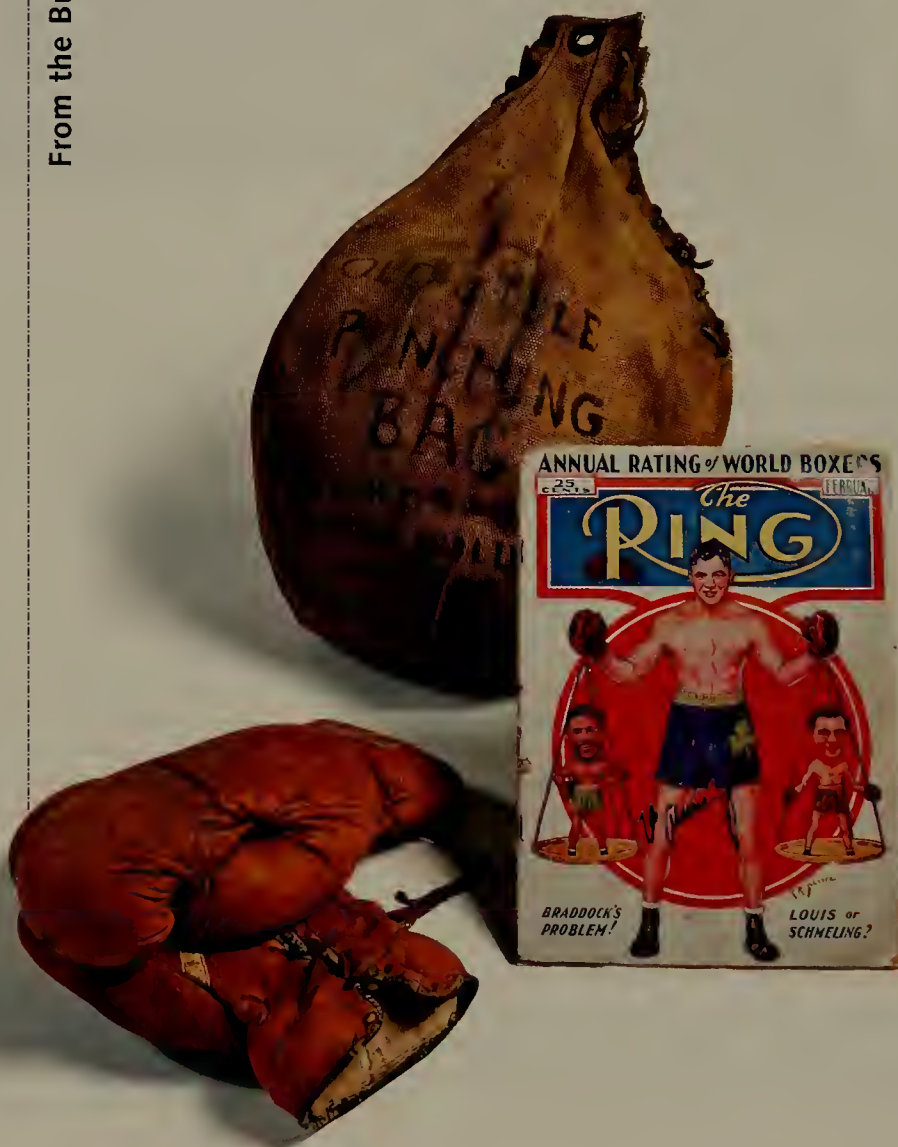
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The punching bag used by John L. Sullivan to train for his last bare-knuckle fight, in 1889; a 1937 *Ring* magazine spotlighting James "Champion" Braddock, autographed by Max Schmeling (who stands on the scale at right); gloves worn by Gene Tunney—these and more are part of "Fighting Irishmen," an exhibition curated by the collector James J. Houlihan, on view through September 5.





Baghdad's Sadr City neighborhood, April 1, 2008

NATIONAL DEBT

by David Reich

What America owes the Iraqis

IN THE LATE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 18, ONE DAY SHORT of the fifth anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Iraq, a panel composed of three distinguished academics, among them two priests and two military veterans, assembled in Cushing 001 to wrestle with the war and its effects on the Iraqi people before a subdued crowd of 170 students and others, who listened to the panelists quietly, rarely betraying their sympathies. Often during the 90-minute session, the panelists, perhaps inevitably, strayed from the session's announced topic—"What do we owe the Iraqis?"—into broader questions about the war, prompting panelist Paul McNellis, SJ, an assistant adjunct philosophy professor at Boston College, to complain that he felt "ambushed," having failed to prepare for so wide-ranging a debate. He had hoped and expected that the panel would treat the war itself as a given, and that panelists could find common ground on ways to go forward, he explained. But it was not to be.

The proceedings began with a 15-minute statement from each panelist. What we owe the Iraqis "is the right question to ask," said Fr. J. Bryan Hehir, the leadoff speaker, but it has largely been left out of the debate over Iraq, which has centered instead on "our interests and our security," along with why we invaded and when and how we should leave. But Hehir, a professor of the practice of religion and public life at Harvard, soon moved on to one of those other topics, contrasting the Iraq war, which he said was "not imposed on us" by external events, with Afghanistan, where the United States went to war to defend itself after an unprovoked attack. The Iraq war "lacked justification," he said, because it was a war of choice—an allusion to Catholic just-war theory, one of Hehir's scholarly interests.

While the United States created a special obligation to the Iraqis by invading their country, exactly what we owe them must be determined, Hehir maintained, "by consequentialist reasoning"—in

other words, by asking what American soldiers and marines can reasonably be expected to accomplish for Iraq. In this connection, he said, recent improvements in security need to be acknowledged, but beyond the provision of security “in the short to medium term . . . I’m not sure the U.S. has a lot to offer.” As an occupying power we’re in a poor position to help Iraq decide its political future, he said, “and I’m not sure you can combine a military presence usefully with rebuilding.”

Next up at the podium, Andrew Bacevich, a retired Army colonel with a Ph.D. in history, began by praising the near-capacity crowd for their moral seriousness. “At Boston University, where I teach,” he said, “an event like this would not draw a crowd like this.” Bacevich, reciting a central belief of the “realist” school of foreign policy, argued that national interests, and not morality, should drive foreign policy decision making—a view that moots the question of what the United States owes the Iraqis. An early and outspoken Iraq war opponent and author of the 2005 book *The New American Militarism*, which calls for reconfiguring the U.S. military as a purely defensive force, he said, “The president’s moral obligation is to end the war,” which has served our national interests poorly, having caused “massive harm to the American people” in terms of blood and treasure, opportunities lost, and our standing among nations. Though he didn’t mention it, his 27-year-old son, an Army lieutenant also named Andrew, was killed in action in Iraq last year.

“One might argue,” Bacevich continued, “that we have an obligation to [individual Iraqis] harmed by the war.” Actions we might take on their behalf include paying to rebuild Iraqi infrastructure or to shelter, feed, and educate the 2.3 million war refugees now living “in squalor” in Syria and Jordan, Bacevich said, adding that “three years’ worth of our war spending—a half-trillion dollars—could go a long way” toward paying for these multibillion-dollar projects. “We can do those practical things,” he concluded, “but as a practical matter, you know and I know that we won’t. . . . In international politics, moral obligations don’t figure in a large way. They figure at best at the margins.”

In declaring, near the start of his opening statement, that “interests are not a set category, and I don’t think you can define them without a reference to morality, and without a reference to the kind of people we want to be,” Paul McNellis appeared to be aiming his words at Bacevich’s realist foreign policy views. Prepared or not, McNellis made a vigorous, heartfelt defense of his modified pro-war position—in favor of invading but with more troops and better planning. He began with a recap of the period after the first Gulf War when President George H.W. Bush encouraged rebellions against Saddam Hussein and then allowed Saddam’s forces to crush the rebels using attack helicopters. Our obligation to the Iraqi people, along with their mistrust of the United States, goes back to that betrayal, said McNellis, a former U.S. Army Ranger who, like Bacevich, served in Vietnam.

In getting out of Iraq, the United States should avoid two mistakes, said McNellis. “We can stay too involved for too long,” he maintained, “the way we did in Europe and South Korea. . . . That created dependency and resentment of us, and a hollow shell of NATO. If we stayed a long time in Iraq, it would be an insult to Iraqi sovereignty.” On the other hand, getting out too soon, as in Vietnam, would break faith with the Iraqis, McNellis said, and it also could destabilize the Middle East and “produce a humanitarian disaster that could force us to go back in.”

“What we owe [the Iraqis]—and I don’t know how long this will take—is a chance to decide for themselves,” he said, an obligation whose fulfillment should include continued training and support for the Iraqi military. In an e-mail message written after the panel,

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he added that, now that the American public has largely turned against the war, “there is a danger we may pull out of Iraq before the Iraqis can adequately defend themselves. . . . To suggest”—as some politicians have done—“that we can pull out all our troops within 12 to 16 months is totally irresponsible.”

AFTER OPENING STATEMENTS, THE PANEL SAT AT A TABLE and took audience questions, Bacevich in a brown tweed jacket flanked by the two priests in Roman collars. Political Science Professor Alan Wolfe, who directs Boston College’s Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life, the panel’s sponsor, started off the questioning by asking whether we owe Iraq “a moral accounting, in which policymakers are held accountable” for decisions such as de-Baathification and disbanding the Iraqi army, which “resulted in a bloodbath.”

While rejecting out of hand the thought of a criminal tribunal for the war’s authors and managers, Hehir said he’d like to see Americans arrive at a consensus that decision making on Iraq has been “disastrous and incompetent,” an understanding that would help suppress our appetite for wars of choice.

Bacevich agreed with the call for accountability but disagreed with the approach implied by Wolfe’s question. “The problem with attending to things like the decision to disband the Iraqi army,” he said, “is that implicitly you’re buying into the notion that, had we not made that decision, things would have gone swimmingly well. . . . I frankly have my doubts that any occupation would have succeeded.”

McNellis evinced more sympathy for American decision makers, blaming their mistakes on faulty information and poor advice. He also offered a moral defense of the original decision to invade, arguing that Iraq had thwarted U.N. weapons inspectors and that

"Saddam was a menace, and a sponsor of many terror groups," points that had gotten scant attention from the American media, he said.

Later, toward the end of the Q&A session, Bacevich fielded a question about the increase in U.S. troop strength, known as the surge, that dated back to early 2007. While admitting that violence has dropped "to some degree," Bacevich urged the questioner to "remember the logic of the surge: that more troops would lead to less violence, which would in turn create space for political reconciliation." With reconciliation among feuding Iraqi factions unlikely "in the foreseeable future," he said, "we've managed to restore a

stalemate, and it's a stalemate that could go on as long as we want it to go on."

Then, with some emotion, Bacevich added, "When we say 'we are going to stay in Iraq'—it ain't you and me we're talking about. It's one-half percent of the American population that has gone to Iraq again and again and again and again." Continuing the occupation, Bacevich said, will only "redouble the burden we impose on our fellow citizens, so morally I see a problem there."

These words earned the afternoon's only applause. ■

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WITH MEANING

By John Wieners

Rise, shining martyrs,
over the multitudes
for the season of migration
between earth and heaven.

Rise shining martyrs, cut down in fire
and darkness, speeding past light
straight through imagination's park.

In the smart lofts of West Newton St.
or the warehouse district of S.F., come,
let us go back to bequeathed memory

of Columbus Ave, or the beach at the end of Polk St.,
where Jack Spicer went, or Steve Jonas' apts. all over town
from Beacon Hill to St. Charles, without warning, how they went.

The multitude of martyrs, staring out of
town houses now on Delaware Ave. in the grey mist
of traffic circles, taking LSD, then not coming back

to rooming houses, Berkeley and motorcycles.
Books of poems all we had to bound the frustration
of leaving them behind, in Millbrook mornings on the swing
with Tambimuttu, exercising his solar plexus, during conversation.

Each street contains its own time of other decades,
recollected after the festival, carefully, as so many
bright jewels to brush aside for present occupation.

A printing press by the Pacific, a Norman cottage in the east,
dancing to Donovan, in Pucci pajamas, or perhaps, prison past
imagination's plain,
with Saturday night sessions in the tombs. Oh yes,

rise, shining martyrs, out of the moviehouse's matinee
on Long Island, to your love walking by in the sun.
Over the multitudes, endless shorttripping.

And backyard swimming pools of Arizona
and Pacific Palisades, in the canyons of LA, plus the journeys
over oceans, and islands, to metropolis spreadeagled the earth.

Yes, rise shining martyrs,
out of your graves, to tell us
what to do, read your poems
with the eyes of young men,
in springtime moon light.
Rise and salvage our century.

John Wieners (1934–2002) graduated from Boston College in 1954. He went on to minor fame as a Beat poet, though the label did not fit him well, say critics and friends. Beat he certainly was, by association and habits, but his best poetry took a lyric form. In 2007, this poem was found in a newly discovered journal kept by Wieners from 1970 to 1972, following publication of arguably his finest collection, *Nerves* (1970). Wieners wrote not only poems and scraps of poems in the journal but also the names of every poet he'd ever met, and he titled the contents "A Book of PROPHECIES." In 2007, Bootstrap Press published the journal under that name, with Wieners's misspellings and handwritten edits intact. The poem is reprinted by permission. The book may be published at a discount from the BC Bookstore at www.bc.edu/bcm.

Abstracts

Recent faculty writings

Mixed memories

Anybody who has ever forgotten the name of someone just introduced knows that memory can be capricious. One constant is that memory lapses are more common among the elderly. But recent experiments by Scott D. Slotnick, a Boston College assistant professor of psychology, suggest that the aging mind may not so much be forgetting as calling up untrue memories.

In "Aging, Source Memory, and Misrecollections," published in the January 2007 *Journal of Experimental Psychology*, Slotnick and coauthors from the University of Virginia contrast the standard "reduced memory" model of cognitive aging, which holds that older people often guess when they can't recall specific details, with a "misrecollection hypothesis," which posits that they remember, but jumble, details and "miscombine" features of different events, resulting in "convincing false recollections."

Slotnick and his coauthors asked adult test subjects ages 18 to 23 and 60 to 80 to briefly view statements on a computer that were simultaneously spoken by either a male or female over headphones. After various timed delays, subjects viewed the statements again without the voice, in addition to new statements. They were asked to recall whether a statement was old or new and, if old, whether a male or female had spoken it. Finally, they were asked to express their confidence in each answer on a six-point scale, ranging from guessing to absolute certainty.

The researchers found that rather than bunching a larger portion of their wrong answers around a "guessing" level of certainty, the older adults "misrecalled" 23 percent of the statements in the study, with conviction. Young test-takers demonstrated virtually no such behavior.

Free-market religion

When religions collide in the 21st century, will the competition for souls produce conflict or inspire tolerance? Much depends on economic development, writes Alan Wolfe, a Boston College professor of political science, who sees religious violence declining with the inevitable spread of secular values that accompanies free markets.

It is an "unassailable" given that "material progress will slowly erode religious fervor," observes Wolfe in "And the Winner Is. . ." (*Atlantic*, March 2008). As examples, he cites Spain and Ireland, once among Europe's most religious countries, now "among the least." The big exception is the United States, both affluent and relatively devout. The American model of faith revival—set in a "free religious marketplace"—will come to dominate, Wolfe says. He points to the "maturing" U.S. evangelical movement, with its megachurches that now cater to "time-pressed professionals" and its responsive tilt toward environmentalism. "Where religions are flourishing, they are also generally evolving," he says, with "entrepreneurs of the spirit . . . honing their messages and modulating many of their beliefs so as to appeal to the consumer." Faiths compete for adherents by becoming less radical, more focused on worldly prosperity, and more tolerant of individual choice, says Wolfe. The result, from Latin America to Nigeria to Egypt, has been a growing focus on personal empowerment by religious movements, Pentecostal and Islamic alike.

Wolfe predicts that inflexible religious leaders will be out-matched by those who "swell their ranks through persuasion." "Religious peace," he writes, "will be the single most important consequence of the secular underpinning of today's religious growth."

Dressed for success

The Old English word for silk is *godweb*, which suggests the role that the fabric played in signaling privilege, sanctity, and power in the Middle Ages, writes Robin Fleming, Boston College professor of history, in "Acquiring, Flaunting, and Destroying Silk in Late Anglo-Saxon England," (*Early Medieval Europe*, May 2007). Historians have mostly ignored the fabric (under Henry VIII much of England's ancient silk, being in the possession of the Church, was burned). But Fleming sifts through secondary evidence contained in medieval portraits, wills, illuminated manuscripts, homilies, letters, and tombs to track the material's availability and evolving significance as it went from swathing relics and the bodies of deceased saints to garbing living churchmen and royalty and finally the merely affluent.

What was cloaked in silk was to be revered, and Fleming notes the fluidity of silk's symbolism: "Kings who dressed themselves on ceremonial occasions in special silk and [silk-banded] clothes, taken from a repertoire of ecclesiastical wear, were making

assertions about the priestly nature of their office," she writes. And when monastic artists "wished to depict the awesome power of Christ and his saints they did so by dressing them in the same fine, silk brocades."

Fleming describes how early English monarchs wore hand-me-down silks, the gifts of popes or German emperors who had easier access to Byzantium's products. She relates that "around the middle of the 10th century the silk trade rapidly organized and intensified" so that colorful silks from Iran reached Britain more directly, by way of the Baltic. And she considers silk garments found in France (whose fashions influenced England's) and Denmark (whose fashions England influenced).

In an age where most people wore "brown-, dun-, or russet-colored garb," concludes Fleming, it mattered that the king of England "dressed like Elvis Presley."

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BOSTON COLLEGE **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** ALUMNI NEWS CLASS NOTES

Hispanic Alumni Reach New Heights

When Olga Lattarulo, MSW'97, received this year's Father John A. Dineen, SJ, Hispanic Alumni Community Service Award, it was not just a moment of personal recognition. It was also a celebration of the vibrancy of BC's Hispanic community and the University's commitment to engage this group. An event that began 15 years ago as a small award ceremony welcomed this year more than 250 alumni, friends, and current students to honor Lattarulo for her lifelong devotion to the Peruvian community and other immigrant groups.

"The ceremony draws alumni back to BC from across the country," says Eva Maynard '97, assistant director of alumni classes and affinity programs. The festivities also included the presentation of the Archbishop Oscar A. Romero Scholarship to Jennifer Castillo '09, who was recognized for her commitment to the ideals of social justice and service.

"The ceremony connects generations of alumni and students, while providing a backdrop to celebrate their contributions to society," says alumni committee cochair Vicky Barges '96. "Of course, it's also a chance to embrace our Hispanic culture, which is why the event featured a live Peruvian band."

Since 2005, BC's Latino Family Weekend has given alumni and other members of the University's burgeoning Hispanic community similar opportunities to forge relationships and celebrate their heritage. Maynard says the event has become increasingly popular given that Hispanics now comprise 8.2 percent

of the total undergraduate population, up from 4.9 percent just 10 years ago.

Sponsored by the Organization of Latin American Affairs, the weekend annually unites alumni, students, and students' families for panel discussions on Hispanic-themed intellectual, social, and educational issues. More than 400 attended this year's festivities, held February 15–17. The weekend's annual "culture show," in which nearly 65 students performed musical and dance numbers, served as another focal point, while other highlights included Brazilian-themed arts and crafts activities for children and a dance in Lyons Hall.

"We would like Latino Family Weekend to rise to the same popularity and provide the same marquee events that have brought alumni back to campus for Black Family Weekend for the past 36 years," explains Maynard. "It's a wonderful opportunity to showcase diversity at BC."

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The presentation of this year's Father John A. Dineen, SJ, Hispanic Alumni Community Service Award drew more than 250 alumni, students, and friends, including (from left to right) GSSW Director of Field Education William F. Kearney, MSW'71, alumni committee cochair Vicky Barges '96, award recipient Olga Lattarulo, MSW'97, and Eric Liriano '88, president of Boston's Latino Professional Network.

Alumni Runners Make Strides on Campus

Melissa Di Pietro '06 isn't a track star by any stretch. "I'm really not a big runner," she admits. "I can't run that far or that fast, and I run in only two or three small events a year. But I always want to race at BC."

Di Pietro, who participated in BC's third annual Welles Remy Crowther Red Bandana Run last fall, is one of a growing number of graduates who run to support causes that matter to the BC community.

"Like so many alumni, I like to return to campus. The race provides the chance to bond with fellow graduates while running across the Heights," she says, discussing the 5K campus race that benefits a charitable trust in memory of Welles Remy Crowther '99, an equities trader who lost his life on September 11, 2001.

A record of more than 80 alumni runners (out of approximately 285 entrants) returned for the race last year. To date, participants have raised more than \$50,000 to support nonprofits working with children, according to Jessica Alberti '00, one of several alumni who help organize the race along with BC's Volunteer and Service Learning Center.

Alberti says the race's popularity owes much to the long-term success of the Campus

School's marathon program and the MBA 5K Challenge. Established in 1996, the Boston Marathon program largely attracts undergraduates, who train and raise money to support the school's mission to educate students with severe multiple special needs. But each year a handful of alumni join the team. "I learned of the program while working at the school as a graduate student," says alum runner Kevin Collins '05, M.Ed.'08, who completed the 2006 marathon. "But other alumni have already participated as undergraduates and want to continue running for the school."

Tradition also plays a large part in the MBA 5K, which grew its alumni field to more than 30 in its eighth running on campus this April. As always, proceeds benefited the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism. "Many young alums see the race as an opportunity to stay involved with BC. It also gives them a chance to network with colleagues in their field and, of course, raise money for a cause that matters to BC," says co-organizer Tara Wilcox '03, MBA'08.

With the rise in graduates running for BC causes, Wilcox hopes to double the race's alumni participants next year. "No matter what BC race a graduate chooses, it's a good time to be an alumni runner," she says.

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The quietest member of our class, **Bill Coffey**, died on January 27, 2008, at his home. Bill was noted for his sense of humor, whether it was back at college, in the Navy, or at his place of business. His hobby was his vegetable garden. He married **Blanche Olson** and had one daughter, **Barbara**, who with her children and grandchildren were an important part of Bill's long life. He was 95.

1936

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As noted in the obituary column in the Winter issue, our classmate **John Larkin**, MSW'38, died this past November. He lived in Washington DC and was a court employee. For many years John and I, through a mutual friend, kept in touch. Please remember John and his family in your prayers. • I had a nice Christmas card and subsequent exchange of correspondence with **Phyllis Mahoney**, the widow of our classmate **Tom Mahoney**, MA'37. She still lives in Cambridge, enjoys good health, and like her sons, still follows BC football—and the Red Sox!

1937

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Greetings once again, fellow nonagenarians! I hope that you're feeling good and enjoying life in your tenth decade. Wow! • Unfortunately three of our classmates did not have our good luck. **Arthur Dray** of Hyde Park passed away on November 2, 2007, after a full life that included BC football and military service in World War II. More recently we learned of the death of **John F. McCarty**, JD'42, a Double Eagle. He served in the military in World War II and was a longtime U.S. attorney. I just received a letter from **Sally Casey**, informing us of the death of her husband, **Richard Casey**, our Senior Class president and a World War II and Korean War veteran. Our sympathy and our prayers are extended to their families. These sad notes are not unexpected but still very much regretted. • We—survivors of the Class of 1939—will try to hang in there for another decade or two. That may be stretching things a bit, but in the meanwhile we can be reminded that in June 2009 we will be able to celebrate the 70th anniversary of our never-to-be-forgotten BC graduation. • Peace!

1940

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In the fall of '37, when our high school days were done,
We enrolled at Boston College
in the Class of '41.
We were quintessential rookies,
whose careers had just begun;
We had yet to sense the spirit
of the Class of '41.
But we quickly learned that college
was much more than games and fun:
It was time for education for the Class of '41.
How speedily the years rolled by
like a race we'd hardly run,
How soon came graduation day
for the Class of '41.
So many memories we share of
ventures lost and won,
But heads held high, we've carried
on the Class of '41.
And now that we stand hopefully
beneath the setting sun,
We thank God for His love for us,
the Class of '41.
The above was contributed by classmate
Bishop Joseph F. Maguire, H'76. • Our president, **Nick Sottile**, sends regards to all, and wishes us good health and God's blessings.

1942

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REUNION 2008

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We send our condolences to **Pauline** and the family of **Mike Holovak**, who died on January 27. As you will remember, Mike was a famous member of '43: He played in three bowl games as an undergraduate, then went to the pros. Of course, the Boston papers covered the story to the nth degree. One of the events was a memorial Mass at St. Ignatius Church, where we were sorry to find no classmates in attendance. • Further condolences go to the family of **Bernie Henken**, who died on February 11. Bernie

was a member of the CBA gang at 126 Newbury St. He was drafted as a sophomore and spent over 39 months overseas. He later went to Harvard and Purdue Medical School and was well known to many in the Boston medical profession. • Condolences go also to Vin Stakutis on the death of his wife, Helen, on December 13, 2007. • Belated condolences go to the family of James Somers, who died on November 27, 2005. We are sorry that we missed the original notice and thank Al Casassa '52 for the information. • Some odds and ends: The Boston Red Sox have announced that the late Ed Kenney has been named to their Hall of Fame. • Late news just in: Our congratulations to Dot and Frank Hill, M.Ed.'50, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on January 31. • Your class correspondent wishes to thank his wife, Marie, for all her work preparing and mailing the 65th anniversary notices. • Please keep in touch.

1944

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As I have mentioned before, the numbers in all our celebrations keep getting larger and larger. So, how about this number? Virginia and Tom Hazlett, who live in Centerville on the Cape, are now celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary. By my lightning-like calculations, this would mean that they were married in 1944, the year that we graduated. • Talking with Tom, I was reminded of the Belmont-to-Chestnut Hill car pool that Bill Boundy used to operate. There were five of us: Bill, Tom, and myself, as well as Joe Galway and Walter McLaughlin. As far as I know, Tom and I are the only ones who have not left for greener pastures. We made the trip every day in Bill's 1930 vintage Ford Phaeton. It was what was called a touring car. Think of a convertible with two, or sometimes three, in the front seat and three in the back seat. It was black with a white canvas top and yellow wire wheels—very smart, very sporty, a real parade car. I have never seen a car like it, either before or since. When most of this group made the trip to the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans—in a sturdier car—we purloined some maroon and gold bunting that had been decorating a hotel on Bourbon St. On our return, Bill used this to upholster the Phaeton. Such an elegant way to make

the daily excursion, it became one of the highlights of our college days. • We do have one number that sadly diminishes as time goes by. Our class started out in 1940 some 450 strong. We now number 109. Of these, 31 live out of state. • With a call from Phil O'Connell's son, Jack, that number has now dropped to 108. Phil died on February 6. He was a Double Eagle (BC High, Class of 1939) and was in the Navy in the Pacific theater, receiving five Bronze Stars. Phil and Betty shared 65 years of marriage and had one son and three daughters. Phil passed away peacefully. • Peace.

1945

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This is a quiet time of the year for class notes. Despite my e-mail to class members, I did not receive any information. • I saw Clare and Dave Hern at the wake of Bill Hamrock's sister, Teresa Hamrock, MA'65. She passed away on January 8. Teresa was a teacher and headmistress in the Boston Public Schools. Our condolences to Bill on his loss. • Rev. Walter E. Casey died on February 21 at St. Joseph's Manor, Brockton. Fr. Casey was a priest for 60 years, serving at St. Ann by the Sea Church in Marshfield, St. Rose Church in Chelsea, and the Infant Jesus Church in Brookline. He was an Army chaplain for 21 years, serving in Vietnam, Alaska, Germany, and Okinawa, and also a deputy chief of chaplains. He married Marilyn '85 and Paul Paget, MSW'49. • Stanley Dmottowski went to a nursing home after his wife died in September, and Marie and Charlie Early '49 are in an assisted living facility in Wellesley. • On the medical front, Charlie McCready is doing better, as is Effie, in Florida. • I had a bout with blood clots in my lung and was in the hospital for two days, but I am finished with the treatments now and am looking forward to playing golf in the spring. Lillian and I attended Laetare Sunday in Conte Forum. We had Mass in the women's basketball gym followed by brunch on the rink. Cutberto "Bert" Garza, provost and dean of faculties, gave the keynote address. • Mary Lou and Jack McCarthy, our treasurer, have four grandchildren who have graduated from BC, and another will graduate this year. Lillian and I have one grandchild, Lou III, who is studying at Boston College Law School. We are pleased to report that he is

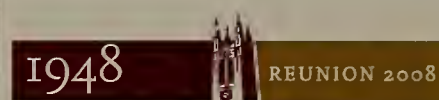
doing very well. • That's it for now. Please e-mail me, or send me a note updating us on what is going on in your life.

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Loretta Therese Riley, the wife of John L. Riley Jr., died of cancer on October 27, 2007. They were married for 58 years and had two children and three granddaughters. Loretta taught school for 15 years after getting her master's degree at age 65. John is active as a Eucharistic minister and a counselor in his parish. John, who lives in Huntington Beach, CA, plans to attend our 60th anniversary celebration, having been at our 40th and 50th. Our prayers are with him and his family. • Bob Marshall, JD'51, also hopes to be at the 60th celebration. He and his wife spend winters in Arizona, where they enjoy playing golf and hiking, and Bob spends time in his carpentry shop fashioning many nice wood products. He is now working on a mantel clock. He also volunteers at Surprise Stadium as an usher for the KC Royals and Texas Rangers. • Hugh Daly, MSSW'50, and his wife, Helen, enjoy reading news of our great post-World War II classmates. Hugh is a Double Eagle, having earned a master's degree in 1950. • Art Dorsey sent a long message. Art married Betty Kelleher from Deerfield in 1950. Betty died in May 2004 from cancer. While she was alive, they spent a few weeks in Florida each year and traveled to Europe nine times. They had one daughter, Megan, who lives with her husband in Atlanta and is a judge. Their granddaughter, Megan, lives in New York City and works at CNN. Their grandson, Stephan, is a freshman at Cornell. Art went into business with his

brother Ed in a wholesale millwork company, Dorsey Millwork Inc., in Albany. Art sold his share to Ed in November 1997 and retired. Art lives in Menands, NY; his home abuts the seventh tee of Wolferts Roost Country Club, where he has been a member since 1964. Once a good golfer with an 11 handicap, at 86 years of age he is carrying a 25 handicap. Art had quadruple heart bypass surgery in 1989, a hip replacement in 2000, and treatment for skin cancer in 2005. In his words, "Getting old ain't for sissies." • **Al DeVito** wrote to congratulate the food services at Alumni House at our last gathering for the best meal he has had at BC in 59 years! • Many of our classmates are making plans to join the celebration of our 60th anniversary. It will be a wonderful reunion, made all the better by your presence.

1949

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I am writing these class notes on March 3, a cold but sunny day, looking out at the waters of the mouth of the Neponset River where it joins Boston Harbor at the Kennedy Library and BC High. Yesterday was Laetare Sunday, and Madelyn and I attended the annual Mass and brunch at Conte Forum on the campus. We had a fair turnout of '49ers, considering it was the earliest Laetare Sunday in my memory! Some of those attending were **Lou Visco** MS'51, **Tina and Jim Houlihan**, **Margaret and Ernie Ciampa**, **Louise** MA'56 and **Jim Whelton**, **Claire and John McCarthy**, **Ed Marshall** M.Ed.'51, **Margaret and Sahag Dakesian** MS'51 with Margaret's sister **Bertha Mugurdichian** MS'68, **Bill Cohan** MS'51, and **Pat Leonard** with guest **Janet Colamaria**. I'm sure I left out a few others, and my apologies for doing so. • I received a lengthy e-mail from **E. Paul Kelly**, JD'60, announcing that he and **Jeane** have relocated from their home in Maine to Longmont, CO, where several of his family members have settled. I have his e-mail address and phone numbers if anyone would like to contact him; he said in his letter that he has been studying and reading about the Church very intensely since 2002; putting together his life as a Jesuit (1949-1957) and as a lawyer (1957-2001) with a new career as a student; and getting together with a great group of former

Jesuits, known as **Compañeros**, out of California and Oregon. You are an inspiration to us, **Paul**. • We extend our deepest sympathy to **Dot and John McQuillan** on the passing of John's brother **Tom** '57 in January. We offer condolences also to his sister and brother-in-law, **Pat and Jack Waite**, MA'51. • We urge more of you to call or write with news about our class for inclusion in these notes. Next year is our 60th anniversary, and we need suggestions for reunion activities that we should be planning!

1950

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We hope to have another day of golf in early June somewhere near the Cape Cod Canal. You are welcome to bring a friend. If you are interested, please contact **Gerry Daly** at 8 Monterey Lane, South Yarmouth, MA 02664; 508-760-3969. Give him your winter and summer addresses, phone numbers, and the dates you will be at each. Only those who contact Gerry will hear further details. The call says that you are interested, not committed. • **Joseph F. Devlin**, MA'59, of Marshfield died on January 13 at the age of 79. Joe was the husband of **Mary Greenwood Devlin** '64, the father of **Joseph F. Devlin III** '95, and the brother of **Marie Devlin** '58 and **Virginia Devlin Grammer**, MA'61, both of Boston. Joe retired from the Boston Public Schools after 51 years of teaching. • **Timothy F. Sheehan** died in February 2007 of congestive heart failure. Tim was a World War II veteran who participated in five invasions and received two Purple Hearts. He was a retired vice president of the South Shore National Bank. Tim leaves his wife, **Jane G. Sheehan**, of Rockland. • **Bernice Fleming**, the wife of our class treasurer, **Brendan Fleming**, MA'53, died suddenly on November 26, 2007, in Lowell. Brendan is a former mayor of Lowell. Our class secretary, **Frank Carr**, tells me that there were hundreds of people at **Bernice's** wake and funeral. • **Edward P. Dunn** of Needham died on September 13, 2007. He leaves his wife of 48 years, **Barbara**; a son, **Jack**, of West Kingston, RI; and two daughters, **Judith** of Needham and **Carol** of Charlestown. He was a World War II Navy veteran, a retired first vice president of the McGuire Group, and a former chief environmental engineer for Anderson and Nichols. • Back in November, the headline

of a *Boston Globe* sports column read, "Poiriers do it all for Marshfield." In the last edition of our class notes, we reported that the Poirier twins, **Brad and Luke**, who were playing outstanding football for Marshfield High School, were grandchildren of our classmates **Janet Coen** (a graduate of the Connell School of Nursing) and her late husband, **Larry Coen**. The Marshfield team did get to the Super Bowl at an absolutely frozen Gillette Stadium on December 1, played their hearts out, scored 13 points in the fourth quarter to tie the game, but lost to a last minute Chelmsford field goal. It was a heartbreaker for Marshfield. **Brad Poirier** had scored two of Marshfield's three touchdowns, all made possible by the running and blocking of his brother **Luke**. The names **Brad and Luke Poirier** will be appearing soon in collegiate football ranks. Keep your eye out for them, and look for **Janet Coen** around the 50-yard line.

NC 1950-53

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The only news I have for this quarter: My daughter, son-in-law, and I planned a trip to Ireland in February—confident that daffodils would be in bloom and fields would be green. • Please take a moment to send me some news.

1951

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It is perhaps fitting that this article begins with the Trivia Recall game. Question: Who really scored the winning goal in BC's 1949 national championship hockey game? If you guessed that the hero was **Fran Harrington**, you are wrong—as I was; my apologies to **Fran**. I received a call from **Barbara Fitzgerald**, the day the magazine was delivered, saying that her husband, **Jim** '49, had scored that historic goal. I called **Len Ceglarski** who, you may recall, was captain of the hockey team, a member of the U.S. national team in the 1952 Olympics, and a successful coach at BC and Clarkson. He confirmed **Barbara's** claim, and we went on to have a most delightful conversation

about old times and acquaintances. • Our class was represented at the Laetare Sunday Mass and brunch by **Vin Stanton**, **Ray Martin**, **Dick Russo** MA'53, **John Sullivan** (who has been named to the archdiocesan Pastoral Council—congratulations, John), yours truly, and the **Marty Joyces**, the **Charlie Devoes**, the **Al Murphys**, the **Bill Kennedys**, and **Marie M.Ed.**'59 and **Bob Corcoran**. Thanks to Marty and Bob for contacting classmates to urge their attendance. One must admire the half-dozen or so BC High '47 grads who are Double Eagles and who meet quarterly for lunch. Vin tells me that they all have maroon and gold blood in their veins. • **George Crosby**, MS'52, who has been living in Cupertino, was planning to leave soon for Russia, where he will be advising technologists and helping entrepreneurs open markets in the United States. He also does volunteer work with SCORE, assisting seniors in job searches. George keeps in touch with **Gene Maloney** of Orlando. • **Dick Russo** reports that **Jim McDermott** was written up in a *Boston Globe* article on February 20. • Our chief sandbagger, **Jim Derba**, writes that he plays with a fabulous foursome in Florida, including **Jack Casey**, **Al Ferrera**, and **Jack Dawley** MA'56, JD'62. Jim took three grandsons, (two of whom are at BC) to the Champs Sports Bowl. **Bill Harwood** attended the same game with a Michigan State alum, and both wore their respective school-colored shirts and caps. • **Tom Moore** has authored his second novel, *Veteran and Fraternal Clubs at Bay*. He attends Lawrence Academy reunions, was at our 50th, and is looking forward to our 60th. • We'll have more news from other classmates next time. Thanks for the news that has been sent!

1952

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At the last minute I had to cancel plans to attend the Laetare Sunday Mass and brunch. However, **Roger Connor** reports that the following classmates were present: **Charlie Brown**, **Jack Clifford**, **Joe Fagan**, **Bob Gosselin**, **Tom Hayes**, **John Kellahe** MA'57, **Tom McElroy**, **Paul Nolan**, **Frank O'Brien**, **Hugh O'Regan**, and **Bob Stockman**. • Sadly, I learned from **Maribeth (Hickey) Hartman** '81 of the death of her father, **J. Paul Hickey**. The notice in the Middle-

town, CT, paper listed the many community activities in which Paul played a major role; he was clearly well loved and highly respected in the community. Paul leaves his wife of 51 years, **Barbara**; six children; and eight grandchildren. Remember Paul in your prayers. • On the brighter side, former Speaker of the House and former attorney general of Massachusetts **Bob Quinn** reported that all is well in the Quinn household. Happy birthday, Bob! • **Tom Cummiskey** and his bride are living in Venice, FL. Tom was looking forward to the class luncheon on March 4 at the Royal Wood Golf & Country Club in East Naples. • **Fred Driscoll** sends regrets that he will not be able to attend the reunion at the Cranwell Resort in Lenox June 17–19. Fred recalled his days as a student at Cranwell Prep (1943–1947), where former Boston Mayor **Kevin White** and Senator **Ted Kennedy** were classmates for a time. **Fr. Shea** and the late **Bill Flynn** '39, M.Ed.'40, were active with Cranwell's football and hockey teams. Fred and wife **Patricia** recently attended a Cranwell Prep reunion and had a great time. • **Bob Suleski** writes that he has met and married (on July 14, 2007) a lovely lady (widowed, like Bob). The couple reside in Williamsburg, VA. Bob recently donated an eagle sculpture to the Virginia Living Museum and he represents Massachusetts on the Lawn of Flags at Jamestown Settlement. • Best wishes to **Fran O'Leary**, who is recovering from a quadruple bypass. Fran is still at Disney's Wide World of Sports and lives in Davenport, FL, where he is trying to get his golf game back to its formerly high level. • **Alex Morgan's** wife, **Marie**, writes that Alex has ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) and is confined to a motorized wheelchair. Marie says his spirits are high, but he misses attending reunions. If you have a moment, please contact me for Alex's address in Osterville. • **Jack O'Connor** is living in Dorchester and enjoying his seven grandchildren. • If you are in the Marco Island area, look up **Dick McBride**, and kick a football around for a while. • Please check out other notes online at www.bc.edu/alumni/association/community.html. • Please drop me a line at the above e-mail address. I really enjoy reporting on class news.

1953



REUNION 2008

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As we continue to celebrate our 55th reunion, on Sunday, December 2, 2007, 36 classmates and significant others attended a Christmas concert presented by the University Chorale and the Boston College Symphony Orchestra directed by **John Finney**, distinguished artist-in-residence at Boston College. After the concert, which was held in Trinity Chapel on the Newton Campus, we met at Stuart Hall for dinner and relaxation. A cheese, crackers, and relish table was available along with an open bar. Our traditional meal was served buffet style: Caesar salad, rolls and butter, carrots, potatoes, poached salmon steaks, tenderloin of beef sliced to order, and chocolate mousse for dessert. Class Vice President **Bob Willis** and **Mary** were spotted dining with **Muriel** and **Art Delaney**, **Nancy Duggan**, and **Priscilla** and **Dennis Cronin**. **Mary** and **Jim Willwerth**, **Mimi** and **Jack Costa**, **Joanie** and **Jack Keating**, and **Dick Curran** with **Judith Golden** shared another table. **Jack Keating** told the table about his recent trip to Ireland looking for lost family. **Dick** shared with us his secret recipe for his holiday seafood chowder, and **Jack** and **Mimi** related some interesting tales about the fun they have when their extended families get together for the holidays. **Fr. Larry Drennan** dined with **Francine Bell**, **Eleanor** and **Sal Venezia**, and **Phil Kerrivan**. **Sal** and **Eleanor** shared stories about their recent trip, and **Fr. Larry** rounded support for a "merry Christmas" vs. "happy holidays" greeting. At another table the **Sullivans** were dining together—**Betty** and **Bob Sullivan**, M.Ed.'60, and **Rosemary** and **Gene Sullivan**. Also at that table were **Carole** and **Richard Scalise**, JD'57, and **Katherine** and **Fred Conroy**, JD'56. President **Paul Coughlin** and **Maryanne** shared a table with **Claire** and **Ray Kenney**, JD'58, and our long-lost classmate **Jim Wholly** and **Patricia Quirk**. **Barbara** and **Spike Boyle** had purchased tickets for the concert and dinner but didn't make it. Dinner was served a half hour early so we could all beat the snow, which started just as we were leaving. President **Paul** addressed the group and offered all present a merry Christmas. • It is with great sadness that I report on the death of **John Bacon**, husband of **Mary Parrish Bacon**, on December 18, 2007, at Cape Cod Hospital. In addition to **Mary**, **John** is survived by **Janice Kearns** of Chesterfield, MO; **Joan Smith** of Lynnfield; **John Bacon Jr.** of Hamden, CT; and **Kathleen Coghlan** of Duxbury. **John** served as president of the Boston College Alumni Association in 1989–90 and was also president of the

Boston College Club of Cape Cod. Along with John, Mary was very active in these groups and was a frequent contributor to the Class of 1953 Class Notes. I often spoke of her as my Cape Cod correspondent. May he rest in peace. • Classmate **Vincent DiCarlo** wrote, "On June 30, Francesca and I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. I met my lovely bride, the former Francesca Perrino, in Palermo, Sicily, when I went to visit my maternal grandmother. We have three children and three grandchildren. The first 22 years of our marriage was spent moving from one naval air station to another, with a "hardship" tour in Naples, Italy. After retiring as a commander, I worked at the U.S. General Accounting Office in Washington DC. I retired again in January 1993." • Classmate **Tom Aglio**, MSW'55, wrote a great letter about the BC Marching Band in Florida. This story appeared in the February 2008 issue of the Alumni Connections. If you would like to read it, visit http://www.bc.edu/alumni/news/Connections/connx_archive.html. • To get the full story of our other class activities, go to www.bc.edu/alumni/association/community.html. To log in, use your BC ID, which is printed above your name on the *BC Magazine* label.

1954

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Since the last column we have lost another class member, **Leo Noonan**. As more and more of our classmates pass away, it becomes more difficult to provide information about each of them in the limited space this column offers. You can find additional information on the BC Alumni Online Community, or write to me at jrf eagle@verizon.net to learn more or to tell us about yourself, your loved ones, or classmates who have contacted you. • As mentioned in the Summer issue, Stephanie Miley, daughter of our late classmate **Dan Miley**, was the subject of a *Wall Street Journal* article (April 19, 2007) about her service as a reconstruction consultant in Tikrit, Iraq. Since the article appeared, Stephanie has been at the Naval War College. In previous assignments she served as a senior assistant to the then secretary of state Madeleine Albright and in various diplomatic roles in the Balkans. • Earning *Boston Globe* mention were Pat and Bob King, who were asked about the

success of their marriage of 51 years. Bob said, "My secret is very simple. I was nuts about this woman. I could not do without her, and I've always felt that way." Pat was more reserved. • Ed Smith tells us that he has rented a house in Ireland for the first two weeks of June. Four of his eight children and their spouses will accompany him. • The daughter of classmate **Frank Cruise**, Sr. Patricia (named after her mother, a Regis grad, and former Somerville neighbor Pat Bellini), is president and CEO of Covenant House, the largest privately funded child-care agency in the United States. Sr. Tricia is a member of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati. Frank and Pat still teach at the University of Cincinnati. • As I was finishing this column, Fr. John Wallace called to say that he had received our class donation to his Honduran mission. John is being transferred to the capital, where he will have a major responsibility for providing pastoral care for hospitalized patients. Unfortunately, his new assignment may delay his fall return visit to Massachusetts for several months.

NC 1954

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"The world is weary of the North white wind..." These words, from "Sonnet IV" by the late **Luman Drake**, are so appropriate for our now departing winter. • The November 2007 issue of *Boston* magazine listed **Dick Renehan** among the top 10 Massachusetts Super Lawyers. They are nominated and selected by their peers. Congratulations, Dick! • Last November **Jean O'Neil**, MS'63, joined two nursing colleagues at the 8th Annual Interdisciplinary Research Conference, "Transforming Healthcare through Research, Education, and Technology," held at the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Trinity College Dublin. Their topic was "Resolution of Methodological Issues in a Nursing Intervention Study." • **George LeMaitre** has written a historical novel, *Crucified Under Pontius Pilate*, about the life

of Pilate and his wife, Claudia Procula. His second book was *How to Choose a Good Doctor*. As the owner of LeMaitre Vascular, George is using his expertise as a vascular surgeon to develop and manufacture vascular surgical devices. • **Dick Carpenter** reports that Volume 3 of his railroad atlas project, *A Railroad Atlas of the United States in 1946*, is about to be published. Volume 4 will soon follow. • **Barbara (Winckhofer) Wright** had an enjoyable visit with **Joan McInnis**, MS'81, in 2007 and anticipated another visit in early 2008. • The Fall issue of *NEF Scholarship for Leadership*, a publication of Nurses Educational Funds, Inc., announced that **Stephanie Coffey Cooper-Clarke** has been hired as a fundraising consultant. • I had a nice e-mail from **Walt Bankowski**, M.Ed.'57. He and Jan recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Walt mentioned that their daughter Jennifer had died in 2006, thus joining her brother Peter in heaven. Jan facilitates a group called Children Remembered at their church. Walt is still a docent on the battleship *Wisconsin*, so if you are in the area on a Tuesday or Friday, stop by. • Nick and Pat (Lavoie) Grugnale, Richard and Barbara (Dennis) Lund, Mary Jane (Kelly) Dempsey, and Gail McGuire had a lovely reunion at the home of John and Mary Rose (McCarty) Griffin in Florida. • Laetare Sunday was the site of a minireunion. I was joined by Kay and Paul Fallon, George and Connie LeMaitre NC'57, **Jim Nolan** MSW'61, **Jean O'Neil**, **Win Ryan** MA'58, and **Carolyn '56** and **Dan Foley**. Jim used his beautiful voice to assist the choir in singing the hymns at Mass. • I close with the sad news that **Tom Nee** died on February 24, and **Fran and Carla LaPlante** parted with their son David's wife, Brenda, who died of cancer at the end of February. I know you join me in sending sympathy and prayers to their families.

NC 1955

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We had more than 20 at the Laetare Sunday Mass and Communion brunch. Margie **Murphy** visited Egypt in February. Rev. Ray Helmick, SJ, brother of Marie (Helmick) Barry, MS'55, gave a seminar on conflict resolution in Bangkok in February. **Sebastian Tine**, M.Ed.'60, met **Peter Colleary**, **Dick Toland**, and **Jack Leonard** at the BC-Red Sox exhibition game. Joan and **Joe Danieli** will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with their family in Amsterdam when son Mark, a nationally ranked triathlete, competes in the August World Championships. **Sylvia** and **Bill Aylward** enjoy retirement in Altamont, NY. After the Army, Bill taught in Danville, VT, and in Guilderland, NY, before retiring in 1991, and he has also held several elective positions. Bill says he feels great and regrets missing our 50th anniversary. **Frank Grigas** is a volunteer guardian ad litem for foster children and also volunteers with the Red Cross on national disaster responses. **Tom Sheehan** added a 2006 IPPY Award for *Epic Cures* to his collection of awards and nominations. He enjoys regular lunch/gab sessions with the ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out). Anne Gallo Holmstedt's daughter Kirsten has just had her first book published, *Band of Sisters: American Women at War in Iraq*. Fully retired since 2001, Ann and **Jim Doyle** take classes at American University's Lifelong Learning Institute and have led several courses. • Please pray for classmates and their families who have suffered illnesses and deaths. **Chuck Faber** recently planned to have his rotator cuff repaired (so he could do his hook shot), but a stress test found blockage, so he had an angiogram and then a triple bypass. He's doing well now. **Carolyn Kenney Foley** only uses her cane on long walks, and Dan '55 is in remission from his cancer. **Bill Consavage** was hospitalized and missed our 50th anniversary weekend, so the Alumni Association sent him his Golden Eagle pin, along with a BC cap and a super-fan T-shirt. A sister of **Bishop Frank Irwin**, MSW'70, died in January. She also leaves two other brothers and two sisters. **Edwin B. Niemeyer**, MA'59, died in January. He leaves his wife, Suzanne; two sons; and a daughter. **Marty Conway's** wife, Mary, died in January. Besides Marty, she leaves a brother and two sisters. **Clare Cunningham Mullen**, M.Ed.'58, died in February. She leaves her husband, **Patrick** '61, MBA'69, and three sons. • Thanks to all who sent news! For more class news, log on to the BC Alumni Online Community at www.bc.edu/alumni/association/community.html.

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The class sponsored a greenhouse reception on February 9 at Paul Mahoney's Garden Center in Winchester. About 60 classmates and guests enjoyed the show of flowers and plants arrayed in anticipation of Valentine's Day. Doris and Paul Mahoney were most gracious hosts. Vin and **Norma DeFeo Cacciamani** and Betty and **Jim Turley** made sure that everybody had food and dessert, and **Bill Tobin**, MBA'70, managed the "liquid refreshment" counter in grand style. • Rev. **Gerry Kelly**, MM, celebrated his 40th anniversary as a Maryknoll missionary priest last May. He had a good year, being in stable health and blessed with many fond memories of BC as a Golden Eagle. • **Nancy Bradley Chandler** wrote that 25 of her CSON classmates gathered for three days last September. They stayed in cottages on the ocean in South Yarmouth, catching up on families and sharing fond memories. They had a special Mass said for eight deceased classmates. Classmates attending included **Margie Antonellis Bargoot**, **Dotty Bagnell Kelliher** MS'62, **Nancy Bradley Chandler**, **Louise Brennan Siddall**, **Marcia Croker Keeney**, **Jean Dowd Butler**, **Grace Eremian Torrey**, **Nancy Fidelle Miller**, **Maureen Fitzpatrick Burgess**, **Helen Fogarty O'Rourke**, **Mary Foley** MS'63, **Irene Gage Munsey**, **Ann Gagnon Moran** MS'61, **Nancy Gegan Doyle**, **Marita Glynn Donahue**, **Peggy Grant Olsen**, **Arline Halpin Gove**, **Ann Hennessy Martin**, **Barbara Higgins Cosgrove**, **Trudy Mahoney O'Keefe**, **Mary Lou McHale Long** MS'61, **Elaine Nunes Lewis**, **Anne O'Neil Madaus** M.Ed.'78, **Betty Salmon McRae**, **Shelia Whalen Caty**, and **Marilyn Wilson Smith**. • **Tom Johnson** now lives in Harwich Port on the Cape. He has been doing HR/OD work in educational organizations for over three decades as well as public education consulting around the country. • **Bob Tiernan**, MS'59, is an adjunct professor in physics at Merrimack College. Bob's wife, **Lorette**, does some

hospice nursing. They have six grandchildren. • **Jeanne** '88, MSW'94, and **John Wissler**, MBA'72, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 25, 2007, with a Mass at Trinity Chapel on the Newton Campus followed by a reception and dinner. Fr. **Monan**, SJ, was the principal celebrant, assisted by Fr. **William McInnes**, SJ, '44, MA'51, and Fr. **Joseph Duffy**, SJ, '50, MA'51. Guests included **Dick Dowling**, **Bill McQueeney**, and **Bill Tobin**. **Jeanne** and **John** live in Londonderry, NH. • **Ed Coakley** notified me that **John R. Totin** died on November 9, 2007, in Corpus Christi, TX. John was one of 13 classmates who majored in chemistry with Ed. The class extends sincere sympathy to John's family and to the families of **Thomas J. McQuillan**, a true gentleman, who died on January 16; and **Kenneth R. Wythe**, a Double Eagle, who died on December 5, 2007. I also regret to report that **Anne Delaney Rico Borns**, daughter of **David L. Rico**, died on February 26 in St. Thomas, USVI. She leaves one child, **Alexandra Borns** (17). Our prayers are extended to the Rico family. • The warm weather is on the horizon. My best to you all.

NC 1957

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A few lucky classmates met at a Lenten series of Masses and lectures at Newton Country Day School, a nice tradition carried on for alumnae in the area. Paul and **Cathy Connolly Beatty** had just returned from a child-care session in New York City while their daughter traveled to India. **Cathy** relays news of **Frank** and **Lucille Saccone Giovino's** trip to Denver last year and to Las Vegas/Hoover Dam this year. • **Carol McCurdy Regenauer** and **Dick** made their annual trip to Venice, FL, with a stop along the way to see **Janet Black Rohan** once again. They also connected with **Neil** and **Joan Hanlon Curley**, who remain active on the Naples Republican committee, with Joan serving as chaplain for the Women's Republican Club. The traveling **Curleys** spent last Christmas on a Costa Rican cruise—next time head north to visit! • **Carol Ann Burke Ryan** reports a healthy season (unlike last year) but wishes she had been down south with Joan to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the

transplanted Boston Irish. • **Liz Doyle Eckl** and **Ellie Pope Clem** get together often in DC, where Liz is busy with her large extended family, and Ellie works part-time. In May Ellie traveled to Notre Dame to celebrate her brother's 50th jubilee in the priesthood. What an occasion for the family! Ellie has been in touch with **Annie Marshall Mahoney**, who lost her husband last June, followed several weeks later by the sudden death of her daughter's husband of a heart attack. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Ann. Ann, her daughter, and her grandson are moving back to the Chicago area (Glenview), where they have many friends and family. • **Margy Craig Sheehy** had lots to report from last summer with a stay at an inn in Big Sur on the edge of the Pacific Ocean, then to Bhutan for a 10-day tour, and on to Block Island for a few weeks with her sister, Helen Craig Lynch, NC '59. This winter Margy returned to DC and had a delicious, memorable lunch with **Mary Winslow Poole**, her long-ago roommate and good friend. I wish we could have listened in to enjoy Mary's wonderful sense of humor and Margy's incredible memory! Margy hopes to visit Ireland this summer and bring **Elaine Conley Banahan** photographs from the reunion. • It's hard to believe it's a year since we celebrated together on the Newton Campus—and a year since Liz and the two Connies met in New York City for the AAHS national meeting, highlighted by a tour of the UN and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, along with updates on the Sacred Heart world of education. Those were a glorious few days, and we encourage you all to take advantage of this gathering next year.



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Pat '59 and Paul Grip—our neighbors here at Stonebridge Country Club in Naples—recently celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary. Paul is the owner and president of Grip Technologies, based in Dublin, NH. Paul and Pat have six children and nine grandchildren. Judy is a stay-at-home mom in Dallas. Steve is a marketing and sales executive living in Shrewsbury. Doug recently retired from Goldman Sachs, where he was a partner and the director of Private Wealth Management International in London. He and his family will be

relocating to their homes in Dover and Nantucket. Sue lives in Shrewsbury and works at Fidelity. Loraine is vice president and director of international events at State Street Corp. Patti lives in Waltham and is an administrator at Harvard. • **Jack Rooney** reported at the Naples class luncheon that his son Stephen '89 and daughter-in-law Chrissy '89 recently had twin boys, which makes a total of six kids for their ever-expanding family. • Jan and **Dick Hartigan**, to help celebrate their 70th birthdays and 50th wedding anniversary, are taking all their children to Ireland for a golfing trip. It sure beats a dinner at the Holiday Inn! • **John Theall** retired from the Stamford, CT, public schools in 2002. He and wife Eve live in Norwalk and have five grandchildren. Daughter Karen '89 has three kids, and son Stephan has two. • Joan (Driscoll) '57 and **Tom Lynch** were also at the Naples luncheon and divide their time between Naples and Pennsylvania. Tom and **John Kudzma**, MBA '70, play golf together in Naples on a regular basis and rehash old memories, as they were roommates at BC in 1956. • Vic '57 and **Annette Collins Popeo** will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this year. They are enjoying their life—Marco Island in the winter and Yarmouth Port on the Cape in the summer. • **Dick McArdle** is retired and living in Naples. Son Richard retires this year from the Chicago office of Goldman Sachs; daughter Ellen '79 was recently employed by Agility, an international conglomerate; Karen is living in Kuwait; and Leslie has her MSW and lives in Simsbury, CT, where she is raising her two active young boys. • The Class of '58 luncheon in Naples was a huge success. More than 90 classmates, wives, and/or significant others attended—not bad for a class 50 years out! Many thanks to **Ed Gilmore** and **Bea Capraro Busa** for coordinating the event. • **Frank O'Neil** was honored as "Freshman of the Year" by the Irish-Israeli-Italian Society of San Francisco. Frank and Carole are looking forward to their trip east for the 50th. • Many thanks to the following members of our class who served on the 50th Reunion Committee to make this anniversary year a very memorable one for all of us: **Bea Busa, Dan Cummins, Mike Daley, Sheldon Daly, Frank Day, Ed Gilmore, Peter Guilmette, Dottie Solitto Hiltz, Jack Kudzma, Joan Downing LaChance, Paul Maney MBA '66, Jack McDevitt, Barbara Cuneo O'Connell, Pat Brine O'Riordan, Eileen Teahan Quigley, Dave Rafferty, Bill Ryan, and Dick Simons.** • Hats off to **Camille Colasante St. Pierre**, our class photo expert,

for taking the group and individual pictures at our recent luncheon. • Our big week starts on May 29 with golf and dinner at the Sandy Burr Country Club in Wayland. If you have to pass on golf, come to the dinner. Contact Paul Maney at 781-862-1438. • On November 9, our class is having a jazz brunch, and at that time, yearbooks will be passed out. Keep in touch with the Class of '58 via our Website, www.bc.edu/classes/1958.



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Jim Marrinan, MSW '61, writes from Rockville, MD: "My news is getting two great sons-in-law in the past year. Jane '97 married an Englishman in New York City and is now living in London. Anne, our newest newlywed, married a New Zealander in Ireland during the International Marrinan Family Reunion in County Clare. Lots of BC alumni relatives and friends were at both. Jim would love to hear from classmates and is looking forward to seeing everyone at the class's 50th in May.

NC 1959

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Jim McGuinness notified me that **James P. Gilligan** of Peabody passed away in January. He had recently retired as clerk magistrate for the Lynn District Court. • **Gerry Karle** mentioned that a group of our classmates



SUSTAINING THE MISSION “My relationship with Boston College has been a kind of love affair,” says Barbara O’Connell ’58, P’87, ’88. “I prize the education I received there, and the Jesuit ethic of service to others is very important to me. I attended BC on a scholarship, as did my husband, John ’55, P’87, ’88, and we both feel very strongly about giving back. We know that we’ve received so much more than we’ve given.”

Renewed a quarter-century ago, when she volunteered to help organize her 25th reunion, O’Connell’s love affair with Boston College has never waned. For each reunion year since, she’s served on the class gift committee. In other years, she’s volunteered to organize alumni events, travel programs, and retreats, while encouraging her classmates to give back to the school she loves.

As another expression of devotion, and of her faith in the direction of the University, O’Connell recently designated a planned gift. By including Boston College in her will, she’s helping ensure that the next generation will be able to benefit from the BC experience. “Gift planning is about looking toward the future of Boston College and sustaining its mission,” says O’Connell.

PICTURED ABOVE: Barbara O’Connell ’58, P’87, ’88



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and other BC alumnae meet about three times a year at the BC Club in Boston. They are **Jean Belval Decastro**, **Eileen O'Sullivan O'Connor**, **Sally O'Connell Healy** NC'60, **Mary Mahoney Falvey** '61, **Louise Aubuchon O'Hanley** M.Ed.'76, **Gail O'Conner**, **Julie Aucoin Dempsey**, and **Louise Boyle Swinarski** Ph.D.'76. • **Tom Cunnally** writes that he retired in 1991 after a buyout from Loral. His second career was as a day trader, and he became successful as time progressed. He expects to be in Beantown soon to visit with his family and also with some Marine buddies. Once a Marine, always a Marine! • **Jack Falvey** keeps in touch with a few Jesuits, who, he thinks, will give him a better chance "up there." He was very fond of **Fr. William J. Leonard**, SJ, '31, MA'32, STL'38, who, as you may know, died in February 2000. **Fr. James Skehan**, SJ, '46, MA'47, H'98, was the celebrant for the Mass, and many more attended than had been expected. A Mass for **Fr. Leonard** and a reception in Burns Library were planned for April 10 of this year. The Summer 2007 issue of *Company*, a magazine of the world of Jesuits and their friends, had **Fr. Leonard** on the cover. • Have a great summer with your family and friends.

NC 1960

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In December, **Carole Ward McNamara** held a Christmas dinner party for several of our classmates. **Brenda Koehler Laundry** and **Sally O'Connell Healy** drove up from Rhode Island, and **Blanche Hunnewell**, **Jeanne Hanrihan Connolly**, and **Mickey Mahon MacMillan** joined us from the Cape. **Moirá Donnelly Gault**, who is in real estate with Carole, has lived mostly in Newton since graduation. Almost all of her family has had the benefit of a Jesuit education. Her father, mother, brothers (one a Jesuit), husband, daughter, son, nephew, and son-in-law, and now her grandson, have studied or taught at Jesuit high schools and universities for a total of over 100 years. She is very pleased that Newton College of the Sacred Heart became a part of Boston College. In January, **Blanche** joined 38 BC volunteers, ranging in age from 21 to 64, and went to New Orleans to help rebuild homes. They worked with the St. Bernard Project, a group started by a BC graduate two years ago. **Blanche** said it was

a great experience and worth giving a week to assist those who two years after Katrina are still not in their homes. • **Frederick Latour Fortin**, brother of **Fran Fortin Breau** and **Mary Lou Fortin DeRose**, NC'61, died of cancer in February in Phoenix. Our condolences go out to the Fortin family. • In February, I visited **Judith Walsh Flanagan** '57 and **Berenice Hackett Davis** for a week in Naples, FL. **Blanche Hunnewell**, **Brenda Koehler Laundry**, **Berenice**, **Judy**, and I enjoyed dinner at a French restaurant, **Bleu Provence**. We also attended a classical program at the philharmonic and had a French Mardi Gras dinner together. On Sunday, we met **Sally O'Connell Healy** in Fort Myers at the Bistro for brunch. **Sally** mentioned that she had seen **Gaby Gyorky Mackey** in Punta Gorda. **Gaby** and her husband, **Paul**, were planning to sail their boat to Naples. **Berenice** flew to Washington DC in February to join in the celebration of **Grace Tamm Escudero's** 70th birthday. Her five daughters invited **Stone Ridge Sacred Heart** friends, her bridge group, friends, and family to the Columbia Country Club for the event. • In March, **Michaelene Martin Barrett** escaped the northern chill of Connecticut, visiting **Berenice** and **Cathy Donahoe Smith** in Naples. **Berenice** hosted **Mike**, **Cathy**, **Brenda**, **Blanche**, and **Carole Ward McNamara** at a Sunday dinner for a mini class reunion. • **Julie O'Neill** headed to Stuart and Naples in March • Have a memorable summer, and please e-mail me your current information!

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We are saddened to hear of the death of **Marcia Fenlon Basso**, who passed away on February 13 in Haverhill. Her family can be assured that they and **Marcia** are all remembered in our thoughts and prayers. • We bumped into **Fred** and **Sara Welch Haynes** at a golf tournament in Naples, FL. They recently moved from Wellesley to South Natick and spend the summers in Chatham. They have 4 children and 10 grandchildren. **Fred** is still busy running his accounting firm. However, he is available for member/guest golf tournaments, especially on the Cape. He now has a 10 handicap, but we understand he is playing more like a 4. • **Nancy Magri Dubin** is relaxing in

Florida, recuperating from her world travels. • We apologize for any errors we make such as the one in the Fall issue. We reported the death of **John Lane** but were unaware there was a **John V.** (who passed away) and a **John J. Lane** (big Red), who is alive and well and hanging out with **Tom Dahoney** in Gold Canyon, AZ. • We received a great letter from **Jack McDowell**. He and his wife, **Patty**, live in Hampton Bays, NY, and at Quail Ridge in Boynton Beach, FL. In residence also are **Norm Towle** and **Bob Derba**. Nearby are **Bob Hannon** and **Bob Flaherty**, MBA'65. • We received a beautiful family Christmas photo from **Bob Buck** and wife **Nancy**. Now that **Bob** is retired they can spend their summers on the Cape. • Please keep in touch. Three more years until our 50th reunion!

NC 1961

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Duane and **Ellen MacDonald Carbone** hosted a wonderful dinner party at their home in November. **Maryann Morrissey Curtin** joined us together with their sons and daughter-in-law. **Ellen** is kept busy with her work and family—wouldn't have it any other way. We were sorry to hear of **Maryann's** dad's death in January. He was 97 (!) and led an amazing life. Our condolences to **Maryann** and her family. • I spoke to **Mary Sue Flanagan** recently; she is keeping busy in DC with her work and various activities. • **Mary Walsh** unfortunately was hit by a car and had been in rehab for a month. At her writing, she was home, using a walker. She said her neighbor has overwhelmed her with kindness and help. **Mary** had helped this neighbor at one point in time, when she needed it. How often we are fortunate to have what I call a "guardian angel" who is with us when we are in need. • **Ellen MacDonald Carbone** wrote that **Joan Donahue O'Neill**, MAT'90, hosted a dinner and an overnight at her home. Those attending were **Babs Kager**, **Linda Gray MacKay**, MA'04, **Brigid O'Sullivan Sheehan**, and **Maryann Morrissey Curtin**. **Ellen** said, "We had a great time. We all stayed overnight and awakened to a winter wonderland in Rye Beach, as it had snowed overnight." • **Beth Good Wadden** is still enjoying teaching as well as being a yoga instructor at her daughter's school in

Connecticut. • **Gael Sullivan Daly** and **Tim** have moved to Florida, but they will be spending their summers at their home in North Scituate. • **Betty Hitchens Wilson** wrote that her "family had a great December.... Our daughter got married on December 13, and we all spent four days together in Montego Bay. Then our eldest son had a daughter on December 19, and we had the whole family for Christmas, including our youngest, his wife, and the twins, now 16 months old." Betty also wanted to pass along her thanks for our prayers. She is feeling well and has had good reports from her doctors. • **Tom and Mary Nolan Calise** spent eight "wonderful days" caring for their eight-month-old grandson while his family went skiing. • In February, after a trip to Las Vegas to see our 18-month-old grandson and, of course, his parents, **Bob** and **I** flew to the Cape. We met **Tom** and **Mary** in Barnstable for dinner and to catch up on the latest happenings. • Have a wonderful and safe summer.

1962

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I heard from **Chuck Chevalier** in December. He continues to be busy running his own industrial cleaning company in Boston. He reminisced about a few hilarious incidents in Fr. McManus's class, and how much he loved his basketball and baseball days at BC. • **Dick Dewar** was elected to the Aiken (SC) City Council. He was sworn in on November 29 for a four-year term and still hopes to have enough time to work on his golf game. Congratulations, **Dick**! • We recently learned that **Marc Uricchio's** daughter **Ann** is a sophomore at BC and a coxswain on the men's rowing team. **Marc** and his family reside in Richfield, CT. • **Trish** and **I** recently had dinner with **Jill** and **Bill Nagle**, M.Ed.'70, and **Mary Ann** and **Bill Cunis**. Both Bills are still working, with **Bill Nagle** also getting in some serious golf during the summer with classmate **Charlie Bunker**. Interestingly, **Nagle**, **Cunis**, and **Bunker** all played in the Red Sox minor league organization after graduation. • **Jerry Greely** and his wife, **Mary Anne**, stay in touch. They live in Lake Worth, FL, and are both avid motorcycle enthusiasts, traveling all over the country vacationing and visiting children.

• Once again we ended last year in fine style with a holiday gathering at **Bob Murray's** condo in Boston. In attendance were **Joyce Francis McDevitt**; **Paul McNamara** JD'65; **Jack MacKinnon**; **Larry Sanford**; **Ron Campanelli**; **Peter Braun**; **Jack Murray** MBA'70; **Bob Capalbo** MA'74, Ph.D.'90; **Paul Deeley**; **Chris Lee**; and **Frank Faggiano**. • This group and other classmates try to meet the first Friday of each month at the Boston College Club. We welcome anyone interested in attending. Simply e-mail me, and you will receive an invitation to the next luncheon.

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You should be reading this column shortly before our 45th reunion, when the *BC Magazine* is scheduled for mailing. I hope it will serve as a reminder for our reunion dates, May 30 through June 1. Our Reunion Committee, chaired by **Tom McCabe**, met on January 16, and plans are progressing nicely for our Reunion Weekend. Also attending were **Ed Rae**, **Doug MacQuarrie**, **Jane Mannix Mullooney**, **Gerry Gillis**, **Frank Catapano**, **John Golden**, **John "Brooks" Sullivan**, **Ed O'Donoghue**, and your faithful correspondent. After the meeting, we telephoned classmates to encourage both attendance at the reunion and contributions to our 45th reunion gift campaign. Another meeting was scheduled for late April. • Our Class of 1963 Reunion Gift Committee, chaired by **Tom Ryan**, is working very hard to achieve the class goal of \$16,800,000. Other members of the Gift Committee include **Gerry Healy**, **Harry Crump**, **John Sullivan**, **John Golden**, **Dianne Duffin**, and **Wayne Budd**. • **Elizabeth A. Mahoney** was awarded the 2007 R. Louise McManus Medal for outstanding achievement in April from the Nursing Education Alumni Association (NEAA) of Teachers College Columbia University. Classmate **Diana M.L. Newman** is currently serving as NEAA president. • I am sad to report the deaths

of two classmates. **Richard L. Maloney** of Bath, NH, died on September 20, 2007. He is survived by his wife and two sons. **Paul B. Plouffe**, MA'64, of Kensington, CA, died on November 11, 2007. Paul was a textbook author and a professor at the University of California, Berkeley. He was an aficionado of the San Francisco Bay area. • **Dick Sullivan** e-mailed that after 38 years in the banking business, he recently retired from Bank of America, where he served as its senior credit officer in the Boston middle market lending group following its acquisition of Fleet Bank. He and his wife, **Dianne**, have two children: **Sarah Pulsifer** '95 and **Andrew** '97, who work locally for Fidelity and Merrill Lynch, respectively—chips off the old block! **Dick** reports that both he and **Dianne** are spending a lot of time on the golf course, particularly while wintering in Florida. • I hope to see you at our 45th reunion. • Stay well, and stay in touch!



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Jim and **Penny Brennan Conaway** live in Washington DC. When not accompanying **Jim** on his travel-writing trips or visits to their grandkids, **Penny** is busy with her long-established catering business. She hosts a daily workout group—attended by **Elizabeth Farrell**, sister of **Linda Farrell Kelleher**—at her home. • **Sheila Mahony** and husband **Chuck Riggs** divide their time between their place on Hilton Head and the Greenbrier (WV), where they are building a home. **Sheila** is chair of Hilton Head's Alzheimer's Respite & Resource Group. • **Jack** and **Maureen Meehan O'Leary** live in New York City and spend their weekends in East Hampton. Their twin grandsons live in Brooklyn and are her joy. **Maureen** is a psychotherapist and teaches at a psychoanalytic institute in Manhattan. She is active at the Convent of the Sacred Heart at 91st St., having served on its board for seven years. • **Kathleen Hughes**, RSCJ, is serving as a mission consultant in some of the Network of Sacred Heart Schools, chiefly in Atherton, CA, and in New York City, where she is collaborating with **Maureen Meehan O'Leary** on bringing the mission and the spirituality of the Society of the Sacred Heart to the adult constituencies of the

school. • **Tom and Colette Koechley McCarty** have lived in North Carolina for 18 years (after 27 years in New York and New Jersey) and love the South. Colette closed her psychotherapy practice to join Tom in retirement. She is past chairman of the board of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh and continues to serve as an off board member. The McCartys travel for fun and family—they have five grandkids on two coasts. They get their New England “fix” summering on Cape Cod. • **Pam Hitchens Mordecai** and her husband travel frequently to Massachusetts from their home in Toronto. This spring they hope to combine their trip to the reunion with a visit to their daughter who teaches at UMass Amherst. • **John ’63 and Carol Donovan Levis** live in Attleboro but are on the road a lot—they have eight grandkids to visit and college friends to see. They summer in Falmouth. Carol assists her daughter-in-law with her Irish import business and is also a volunteer in her parish and with BC and Newton College. • **Kathleen O’Riley Burdick and Delia Conley Flynn** are now “old” traveling buddies, most recently in South Africa, where they visited friends in Durban, spent time at a private game preserve, and visited Cape Town and the wine country. Delia underwent a double hip replacement four years ago and hopes to keep up with the unstoppable Kathleen! • **Jim and Eleanor “Whit” Whitney King** are now retired, “living in Rockport and renovating a cottage built in 1860 that abuts a small freshwater pond, just a stone’s throw from the ocean...if you have a strong arm.” Two of their five children (all married) live in Ireland, and they have loved traveling there and throughout Europe. Whit enjoys gardening, pottery, singing in the choir, and participating in her parish EM outreach program. • **Maggie Burns Ferrari, MA’68**, of Boston died recently, and **Judy Albers Boufford** of Washington DC died a few years ago. • **Nancy Waeber Gleiman, M.Ed.’79**, wrote that Lubomir, her husband of 43 years, died in 2006. Dr. Gleiman taught at Newton for several years. Many of us remember with great pleasure his challenging and rich courses. The Gleimans have three children and six grandchildren. Nancy has retired from her work in market research and teaching. She shares her house with her mini-dachshund, Kielbasa. • **Linda (Plummer) Newell** moved back to Maine, after practicing nursing in both hospital and community settings in Massachusetts and California, and now lives in

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1964

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The BC Alumni Association has recently organized service and immersion trips for alumni to New Orleans, Jamaica, and El Salvador. **Peter Merrigan** was part of the group that worked on a Habitat for Humanity site in New Orleans in January. In addition, I led a delegation of BC alums to the School of the Americas protest and the related Ignatian Family Teach-In. My account of that was published in the December issue of *The American Catholic*. • **John Whelan** writes: “I walked in to vote in the Texas primary and caucuses and walked out, to my surprise, an elected delegate to the state district convention.” What he didn’t tell me was whom he was pledged to. • **Theresa C. McCloud** was recently named president of the Radiological Society of North America. She is on the faculty of the Harvard Medical School and is a world-renowned expert in thoracic imaging. • **Jim Beakey**, who lives in Clearwater, FL, attended the BC–Red Sox game in Fort Myers, where he met **John Barrett** and **Bill O’Neill, MBA’72**. He also reports that **Jack Clifford** is a new grandfather: Their daughter **Katie ’95** just had twins, **Thomas** and **Patrick**. • **Roger Eastman** wrote that he married for the first time in 1999 and moved to Potomac, MD. He recently retired from a sales position with Versico Inc. • **Marshall Hoffman** runs a global public relations company in McLean, VA. • **Brian Condon** lives in Denver with his new wife, **Joan**, but still commutes to Connecticut, where he serves as the chairman of the Connecticut Student Loan Foundation and as a director of the New England Region of the American Cancer Society. • **Dick Svelta** is in the investment business and travels from his winter home in Florida to his summer home in Newport, RI. • **Pete Riordan** writes about visiting **Tony Baldwin** just before his death: “Tony knew that he was at the tail end of his life. His lung cancer, which was diagnosed and treated three years ago, had returned in force. He was at peace with his family around him. He wasn’t able to say much, but he was definitely alert and able to laugh at jokes.” • Other

deaths to report: **Leonard Gonsalves**, a former Massachusetts state representative from Dartmouth; **Robert J. Reardon Jr.** of Charlestown; and **Roger Kirwan’s** wife, **Gail**, who died in February after a long bout with cancer.

NC 1964

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Let me just get this out of the way: AARP eligibility is bad enough, but for me at least, Medicare is the final indignity! Now for the news. • **Susan Roy Patten** wrote to say that “for the past two summers, **Sally Reuter Clissold’s** family and ours have bumped into one another at a wonderful place in the north woods of Wisconsin called **Dairymen’s**. After 47 years, it’s fun and heartwarming to see our grandchildren playing together.” • I heard from **Bunny Verdon**. She recently moved from Raleigh to Washington, NC (no, not DC), which she described as coastal, Inner Banks, a pretty, old, restored town, and she loves it. One of her reasons for moving was that Raleigh had “little to no sense of humor,” a description I just loved when I read it. She said it was also “inland, dull, and very expensive,” but I like the “no sense of humor” explanation best. **Bunny** is still practicing criminal law and has now added elder law to her roster. So far, she hasn’t suggested that we avail ourselves of her expertise in this area (nor in the criminal area, I might add), and I think that’s very considerate of her. • My last piece of news is a sad one. **J. Kevin Kenny**, husband of **Martha Morgan Kenny**, died on January 15. Our thoughts are with Martha and her family.

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A Christmas note from **Judy** and **Doug LaBrecque** brought news that one of their sons had recently married and that they also have a new grandson. **Doug** is traveling to conferences related to his field—liver research. • An article in the *Wall Street Journal* about **Ken Hendricks** mentioned **Ron Nief**, who is director of public affairs at **Beloit**

College and a friend of Mr. Hendricks. • I received a beautiful tribute brochure about Donna Hanlon, the wife of our classmate **Dennis Hanlon**. Donna passed away in November. She succumbed to pulmonary complications caused by tobacco. • An e-mail from **Donna Doyle Sutton**—along with a great picture of her with Joan and **Jim Sullivan**—reported that Jim and Joan were honorary chairs of the Catholic Charities Foundation's gala in Washington DC in February. Also in attendance were Jim's daughter, Donna's son, and our classmate **Carol LeClair Bergin**. It was BC South that night. • **Mary Kingsbury Doller** wrote at Christmas that her granddaughter Hunter has tolerated her chemo very well and is now a preschooler, while big sister Hayley is a second-grader. All of Mary's children and their spouses have been very involved in supporting cancer research. • **Joseph F. Murphy** was appointed an appellate judge by Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley. Joe earned his JD degree from the University of Maryland School of Law. Joe has served as chief judge of the court of special appeals. • I received a note from **Marcel Poyant** recently. He and Mary Jane were planning their annual pilgrimage to Lourdes with the Order of Malta. Their son Christian '04 was recently admitted to the Massachusetts Bar Association and is currently serving as legal counsel with Bradley Associates of Boston, the legal division of Intercontinental Real Estate Corporation.

NC 1965

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Terry Dussaq Herron wrote to express her sadness about the passing of **Chiyoko Aikawa Yamamoto**, reported by **Marty Schickel Ibrahim**, who was Terry's first roommate at Newton. Terry would also like to hear news about her roommates in her senior year: **Sue Gehrke O'Rourke** and **Genie Horan Burke**. So, ladies, please send an update for the next column. Terry says she remembers clearly so many of the people who were at the class luncheon, and she is motivated to attend the 2008 luncheon. She reflected on how sad she was in college whenever news about Cuba came on. Terry sent me her news on the day Castro resigned. • **Joan Wienk Gallagher** is happy to report the birth of her

11th grandchild, Matthew. Joan is still traveling the world on business. She most recently visited the UK, Canada, Germany, Romania, France, and Spain. Joan says that returning from a long trek overseas to the welcoming arms of grandchildren balances rigors of days and weeks away from home. • **Betsy Warren Werronen** and husband Hank rented a second home in Naples, FL, that both **Gay Friedman** and **Judy Maguire** have been able to use. Betsy, who won reelection to the Republican National Committee, enjoyed a few days there and was followed by Gay, who visited family and friends while getting in a few rounds of golf. Judy later went down to visit a friend, ride, and go to horse shows. • **Libby Miller Fitzgerald** has returned to work for an NPR affiliate, doing in-depth stories for the news and occasionally hosting an hour public affairs program. • The New York City luncheon led to a reunion of **P-J Mikita McGlynn** with Chiyoko's sister, Kieko Shibusawa, who had been P-J's next-door neighbor when her first child (now in his 30s) was born. **Marty Schickel Ibrahim** gave Kieko P-J's contact information, and they reminisced on the phone the following day. • Sympathy and prayers go out to **Dottie Sforza Calabrese**, whose mother passed away in February three months after celebrating her 100th birthday. **Marianne Pizzuto Haggerty** and **Lisa Pustorino Edmiston** attended the funeral. • Be sure to check out the BC Alumni Online Community where you can exchange news, share stories and memories, look up an old roommate, or find a business owned by a BC alum to meet your needs. Register at www.bc.edu/alumni/association/community.html to help classmates like **Terry Dussaq** reconnect with old friends. • Thanks for your news; please keep it coming. Remember that time is precious; enjoy your summer.

1966

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Robert LeLieuvre recently retired from the University of Great Falls, where he was a professor of psychology. He and his wife, Laima, have moved to Roswell, NM. Robert plans to continue his research on characteristics of individuals who report UFO encounters and/or alien contacts. He also

is developing and editing a book titled *Images of Aliens*. Appointed distinguished faculty upon his retirement in August, Bob will return to the University of Great Falls in July to teach, for the sixth consecutive summer, a seminar, "UFO Encounters and Alien Abductions." • Please send notes, as we have been high-jacked by Bob's noble yet thin hold on things. • The Veterans Memorial Fund is growing. Boston College's vanquished are always young, always handsome, and joyful. Put us over the top. Special thank you to our classmates who support this special endeavor. • *Editor's note: LTJG Tom Lufkin, a U.S. Navy pilot, flew A-7s and died on March 7, 1969, while attached to the Virginia Beach Naval Base, not in 1978 as we reported in the Winter '08 issue. Thank you to those who provided this information. We regret the error.*

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It is with sadness that we learned of the deaths of the following classmates. **Al Silva Jr.** of Douglasville, GA, had a brief battle with cancer and passed away in November 2007. The class offers its condolences to his wife, Margie, and sons Chris and Derek. An Army veteran, Al had received a degree from Harvard and had worked in Massachusetts, Kentucky, and Georgia. • **Denis O'Leary** of Boston died on December 4, 2007. He was controller for Barletta Construction in Roslindale. Our prayers go out to his wife, Susan, MSW'00, and their children, Jason '97 and Matthew '99. • **Bob Galli** of Hartford, CT, passed away on January 23. He was vice president and general counsel at Carrier Corporation in Farmington, CT. Our prayers and sympathy go to his family. • **Walt Mahoney** informed me of the passing of **George Didden III** of Chevy Chase, MD, on December 21 at his home. He was chairman and CEO of the National Capital Bank in Washington DC. George earned his JD

from Catholic University's Columbus School of Law in 1973. He was extremely active in community affairs. The class offers its condolences to his wife, Kathy Hogan Didden, son Damien '92, of New York, and daughters Kathryn of Missouri and Amanda of Washington. • **Michael Violante** recently became district attorney for Niagara County, NY. Mike had served the last 37 years as a public defender in the same area. He received his JD from Suffolk University. Mike is a lifelong resident of Niagara Falls and is married with four children. • **Laetare Sunday** saw the usual suspects at BC's Conte Forum. **Marty Paul** was event chair and attended with his wife, Joyce. **Don MacDonald** attended while **Joe MacDonald** minded the funeral home. **Jack Keating**, **Tom Reilly**, **Nick Sannella**, and your correspondents completed the table. • **Frederick Dennehy** is general counsel at Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer P.A. in New Jersey. He is a member of the firm's business litigation team and focuses on complex commercial litigation. He is also a member of the firm's appellate practice group and has appeared frequently before the Appellate Division of the New Jersey Supreme Court. • Please write or e-mail any news you wouldn't mind seeing in print so we can have a full column!

NC 1967

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I hope everyone is enjoying the warmth of late spring following the aches and challenges of winter, especially in the Midwest and New England. • It seems **Faith Brouillard Hughes** and **Marilyn Fu Harpster** fled to Florida, but returned to their families in the snow. Faith also returned to her curling team. While south, Marilyn talked to **Diane Olson Kestner**, who volunteers at the Mote Marine Aquarium Center in Sarasota. • I trust the weather wasn't too severe in Maryland for the plants at Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard run by **Carol O'Donoghue McGarry** and family members. They planted 19,000 vines in 2004 and began selling in 2006. Awards are already rolling in their doors. (Look online.) • To our Vermont residents, did you enjoy your skiing? **Patty Lawlor Webster** lives down the road from **Nancy Birdsall's** country home in southern Vermont. Over the years they entertained several class-

mates and their families including **Noreen Connolly**, **Meg Harrington Tyre**, **Jane Hannaway**, **Sherie Mullen Welch**, and **Mary Feldbauer Jansen**, who spent extended time during her postretirement trip soaking up the New England atmosphere again. Nancy also sees Noreen in New Jersey, where they both grew up, for dinner and visits to New York City. Nancy's newest joys are her daughter's twins, granddaughter Rae and grandson Cameron. Born in October 2006, they moved closer to Charlottesville, VA, where Joanna works with student teachers at the UVA School of Education. Nancy's other daughter, Sarah, a Yale alumna, is in Brooklyn working with an international group on an AIDS vaccine; son Sam is at Yale, majoring in physics, but with interests in cognitive sciences and behavioral psychology, and playing soccer. Nancy still relishes her job as founding president of the Center for Global Development in Washington. Its mission is to reduce poverty and inequality in the developing world, vigorously encouraging the economically powerful nations and global institutions to be more "development friendly." (Definitely a group to read more about online.) • In another realm where we work to help others, **Faith Brouillard Hughes** was recruited by **John Berry**, husband of **Peggy Dinneen Berry**, M.Ed.'76. She co-facilitates the current JustFaith Ministry in their Cape Cod parish. The program educates a cadre of each parish with the information and skills to address problems of injustice and inequity with faith, justice, and love. • Please send me your news, especially if you gather with our classmates. For prayer requests or to join the class PrayerNet, e-mail me. • Enjoy summer!

1968

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Greetings, friends! I hope you have all made plans for attending our "Fantastic 40" BC Class of 1968 reunion over Memorial Day weekend, May 30 through June 1. Polish up your party shoes...should be quite a rollicking fun time on the Heights! • **Charles Anderson**, M.Ed.'71, is associate vice president and director of human resources at Babson College in Wellesley. He previously served

as vice president and director of HR for Boston-area companies such as Furniture.com, SmartBargains.com, and GetConnected.com, and was director of HR at Diligent Technologies. Charlie's and my friendship goes waaay back to our student days together at Archbishop Williams High School. Charlie earned both bachelor's and master's degrees from BC, and his D.Ed. from Northeastern University. He and his wife, Patricia, M.Ed.'72, live in Northborough. • We received a terribly sad message concerning the loss of our classmate **Noreen A. Coughlan Cappuccino** on January 15. Noreen was a teacher in the Foxborough school system. She lived in Foxborough and leaves behind her son, Jonathan, and her sisters, Virginia Perez of Bergenfield, NJ, and Ellen Nadeau of Springfield. Thank you to her cousin **Bob McCarthy '58** of Kingston, NH, for sharing this sadness of her life passing much too soon. • Peace.

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Jim O'Reilly was elected vice mayor of the city of Wyoming, OH, after serving two terms on the city council. He is also active in the Regional Council of Governments for the Cincinnati area. He continues as a law professor at the University of Cincinnati, and his 36th textbook is in the works for Oxford University Press. He is also advising the European Union staff on administrative reforms. On weekends, Jim enjoys his Indiana farm. • **Larry Burke** continues to make films, mostly documentaries. He also teaches film production and cinema studies at Bard College at Simon's Rock, in Great Barrington. In the summers Larry assists his wife, Jane, in the running of their arts and science enrichment programs at the Flying Cloud Institute in New Marlborough. The Burkes' daughter Carrie received her MSW from Boston College in 2007 and is now working in Boston on immigration issues. • **Mary "Bonnie" Gibbons** completed her Ph.D. in

nursing at Hampton University in Virginia in December 2007. Her dissertation chair, dean of the HU School of Nursing, is also a BC graduate. Mary is now employed at Norfolk (VA) State University, where she loves teaching nursing research courses.

NC 1969

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Congratulations to **Paula Fisher Paterson** and her husband, John, on the marriage of their son Stephen to Heather Sauber in Chicago on February 2. Not only has Paula been in Chicago, but she and her sister recently vacationed in the Hilton Head/Savannah area. They treated my daughter Meghan, who lives and works in Savannah, to lunch and dinner one day. Thanks, Paula! • My last column spurred phone and e-mail messages. You all are interested in one another! So send me your news, requests, or comments. • **Diane Palmer Lilly** writes that she's a 30-year employee of Wells Fargo in Minneapolis. She and **Mary Carroll Linder** sit on two civic boards together. Diane's daughter, a junior at Colorado College, spent her fall semester studying in Spain. Diane loved the parental side benefit and visited her there. • **Barbie Van Ess McInerney** was in contact with **Jill Hendrickson Daly**. Barbie's son Tommy has been very ill. He recently underwent surgery for kidney cancer. She would like you to keep him in your prayers. • **Lyn Peterson-Friberg** also contacted me. She was saddened by **Val Clark Burke's** death and concerned about our classmates and their families. After surviving her own medical crisis seven years ago, she is fine, working hard and having fun, fun, fun. Check out her decorating and renovating books. Lyn reports that her children are great. PF is a sophomore at Columbia, while Erik continues to pursue the arts and video-making at Syracuse University. Her daughter Kris finished New York University Law School and now has a fellowship at Public Counsel in Los Angeles. She'll return to New York in August. Anne-Marie is married and a vice president at Lehman Brothers in New York City. In Lyn's spare time, she and her sister Chris NC'71 flip houses. • **Ann Benedict Bresnan** also contacted me about our classmates. Our phone call was cut short,

so I hope to have news about her and her family in the next column. • Anybody else willing to send news? Check out my e-mail address above.

1970

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Hi, gang. • Awards and prominent positions head the column this time as a few of our classmates have come up for special recognition. • This August **Tony Bryk** will take office as the new president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, one of the nation's leading education policy institutions. An undergrad chemistry major, Tony got his doctorate from Harvard and since then has taught at Harvard, the University of Chicago, and Stanford, most recently holding the Spencer Chair of Organizational Studies at Stanford. He has also written a major book dealing with the role of Catholic education and formed two of the country's preeminent think tanks in the field of education. • **Susan Gianinno** has been named a recipient of one of the 2008 Matrix Awards honoring outstanding women in advertising. Susan, who has held several executive positions in the advertising world, is the chairman and CEO of Publicis USA, the American arm of one of the world's largest advertising companies. • Beverly Hills tax attorney **Lou Milkowski** has been named a partner at Nigro Karlin Segal & Feldstein, an accounting firm with a focus on various aspects of the movie industry. Lou has become an active member of his adopted community and is involved with an impressive number of organizations, particularly in the area of local theater. • **Alan Moritis** was recently named one of the top dentists in the Seattle area by the *Seattle Times*. Alan was also honored by the Seattle Rotary club for his many years of pro bono work providing free dental care for the disabled. • I also have to mention a little reflected glory that I heard about in a conversation with **Dick Bair**. Dick's son Matt '06 works in promotion and media for the world champion (I still love saying that) Boston Red Sox. After the series last year, Matt was awarded a World Series ring—quite an honor. • Another old friend who checked in this month was **Arnie Amirault**. After over 25 years in the human resources field, he made a career change

a few years ago and is now working in property management for Papa Gino's restaurant chain. • Let me end this time with a welcome note from Manchester, NH, resident **Bob Mongan**. He didn't send a lot of news but wants to let you all know that he's healthy, happy, and getting younger every year. If he can pull that one off it would be the best news ever! • See you all next time.

NC 1970

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Thanks to **Harriet Mullaney's** recent travels to New England, we have news from that region. Congratulations to **Katie O'Shea McGillicuddy**, who retired from the Hudson Public Schools after more than 30 years teaching special needs students! Katie now busies herself volunteering with Habitat for Humanity and taking art classes. She and **Kathy O'Mara Fanning**, M.Ed.'76, recently returned from Haiti, where, as part of a church delegation, they worked for a week in a hospital outside Port-au-Prince. **Barbara Coveney Harkins** planned a "Yankee Swap" to celebrate her 60th birthday. **Andrea Moore Johnson** continues to do family therapy for a Brookline clinic and maintains her own private counseling practice. She remains active in Voice of the Faithful. **Cathleen Flaherty-Vella** still resides in Paris and has started a successful freelance translation business for financial service companies. Her "armchair commentary" of political developments, here and in France, can be summed up in a sentence: "The world's a fascinating mess, isn't it?" As for Harriet, herself, she is still teaching ESL and working on Denver Justice & Peace Committee projects, including a salon series focusing on international justice in countries experiencing genocide. Her plans for her 60th birthday include travel to Mazatlán. Which raises a good point: We are all approaching, or have recently crossed, that psychologically significant 60th year milestone. Please share news of your celebration with us. I'll look forward to hearing from you! • Other news from New England: **Patti Bruni Keefe** rejoiced at the birth of her fifth grandchild. Named Pete after his father, he is jokingly referred to as "Re-Pete." Daughter Betsy graduated from Notre Dame, Helen became a Harvard freshman, and Molly, a junior at

BC's Connell School of Nursing, enjoys juxtaposing classes with nursing at Boston hospitals. • **Liz Scannell Burke**'s job requires her to supervise an office space search in Washington DC. While that has entailed extra flights on the Boston-DC shuttle for Liz, it has been a treat for me, since I get to benefit from her wonderful fount of reading suggestions. Her latest recommendation, *Suite Française*, I truly enjoyed and also recommend. • Finally, amidst all of our successful (and interesting) comings and goings, it is important to take time to remember classmates who have lost loved ones. Please pray especially for the recently deceased mothers of **Sheila Lyons** and **Barbara Wilkes Silbersack**.

1971

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Dominick Preziosi writes that he will soon have two Double Eagles among his five children. His youngest son, Dave '05, is now completing his master's in teaching at BC. As an undergraduate, Dave was a two-time captain of the baseball team. **Carrienne** '02, became a Double Eagle after completing her MSW at BC in 2007. She works in the Framingham school system. **Kristin** will soon receive her nurse practitioner master's degree. **Jennifer** was married in December 2007; she is a nurse at Memorial Sloan-Kettering. **Michael** is a chief resident at the University of California, San Diego. **Dom** continues to practice law in Hackensack, NJ, and his wife, **Barbara**, is a home health nurse in Bergen County. • **Charlie Blank** reports that he now lives in Chino Hills, CA, where he is enjoying retirement and working as a substitute teacher in the local school system. Last year he retired from Evans Tank Lines. Three years ago, he retired from ExxonMobil after almost 24 years of service. He is looking forward to returning to campus in September to attend a BC football game with fellow classmates! • **Marianne Cavicchi Drusano** writes that she is now "retired," but she continues to teach karate. A year ago she was promoted to "yondan," which is a fourth-degree black belt. She trains six days a week and says that she feels better now than when she was 21! Her husband, **George**, is the codirector of the Ordway Research Institute in Albany, NY. His work is in the area of infectious

diseases, and he has been awarded a Gates grant for his tuberculosis research. **Marianne** and **George** are very proud to announce that their son **Michael** graduated from the University of Maryland Medical School last May. He will be entering a residency program in family practice and emergency medicine. Of course, he is also a second-degree black belt in karate! • **Carol Roddy Donovan** is a teacher in Massachusetts and also serves as an officer of the Norfolk County Teachers Association. She reports that she has become involved politically and hopes that her efforts will defeat a proposed referendum to abolish the income tax. • Thank you for your e-mails. Please continue to write!

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I had two belated Christmas presents on December 28: getting to watch the Eagles win the Champs Sports Bowl and receiving the new *BC Alumni Directory*. The combination persuaded me that I need to write more about another exceptional group of BC football players—our classmates. • The Eagles had a record of 17–4 during our junior and senior years, based largely on the efforts of nine classmates who were starters both seasons and several others who became starters as seniors. Two are members of the Varsity Club Hall of Fame: **Mike Mucci**, who was All-East and All-New England as a defensive end, and **Ed Rideout**, who came to the Heights as a quarterback but played on the varsity as a wide receiver, defensive back, and kick returner. **Mike** has had a long career as a major with the Massachusetts State Police. He's also a former president of the Varsity Club, and led his golf team to the championship of the tournament for former Eagle football players last fall. **Mike** is a resident of Winthrop. **Ed** is a probation officer in Cambridge and a resident of Arlington. The other members of **Mike's** golf team were **Kent Andiorio**, a two-year starting center with the Eagles who played

in the North-South Shrine Game and went to training camp with the Chicago Bears. He's a sales representative with Alcon Laboratories and a resident of North Andover. • Remember also **Jim Stewart**, who was an offensive lineman at the Heights and who's now a resident of Weston, and **Bruce DeLuties** '73, a linebacker who's a resident of Lynn. • Besides **Mike** and his fellow defensive end **Greg Broskie**, who passed away in 1990, there were four others in our class who were multiyear starters on defense. The linebackers were **Kevin Clemente**, president and CEO of the Emerald Bay Resort in Boca Raton, FL; **Al Dhembe**, teacher and long-time football coach at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School in Charlton; and **Lu Silva**, athletic director at Marshfield High, where he coached current Eagle football player **Austin Giles** '10. Also, three-year starting safety **Steve Kirchner** is a project manager for Alltech Consulting in Spring, TX. • Condolences to the family of **William McAuliffe**, who passed away in January. A resident of Scituate, he was a financial advisor with the Boston firm of Stifel Nicolaus.

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Mike and **Shelly Noone Connolly's** son **Mike** married **Noreen Gillespie** last August. **Shelly** and **Mike** are building a home on Franklin Pierce Lake in New Hampshire. • **Joan Segerson**, MBA'77, is a senior advisor to the State Department's assistant secretary for resource management. She is recovering from knee replacement surgery. • **Sr. Gabrielle Husson**, RSCJ, MA'51, enjoyed a surprise Super Bowl reception in her new quarters at Teresian House. • **Anne McGuire** and **Sergio de Los Reyes** marked the seventh year of **McGuire Iglesias & Associates, Inc.**, a historic preservation architectural firm. They visited **Bob** and **Norma Tanguay Frye** before attending their son's June graduation from the Rhode Island School of Design. • **Meg Barres Alonso** is the medical director of the first veterinary MRI center in the Muncie, PA, region. • **Reid** and **Mary-Catherine Deibel** celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary with a party that included her whole family, **Marilyn Scully Walsh**, **Jim** and **Mary Sullivan Tracy**, **Georgia Murray** and **Mark Maloney**, **Marilyn Mase NC'74**, and **Micaela Degan-Wilson NC'74**. **Mary** is studying at the

Weston School of Theology. Georgia and Mark stayed at their Paris condominium while Mark completed his master's degree in global affairs at Tufts. **Alice LaSala McDougall** and her hiking buddies visited Mary-Catherine. Alice is training to be a leader in a mountaineer hiking club/program.

• Katrina wrecked Mississippi but not **Maureen McFaul** Newcomb's Newton spirit. Maureen, Don, and their son Andrew survived with little physical damage and their jobs but felt the loss of friends. They promptly helped others and are just now mending their fences and landscaping. Navy Seabees modified a skating rink to house her parish of St. Thomas Church and its school. St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Naperville, IL, has also helped. Both parishes have visited each other, with a special visit to Mardi Gras 2008 for parades, bonfires, jazz Masses, and work to reopen the school in August. Andrew graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi (USM), that other Eagle university, with a degree in fine arts and emphasis in three-dimensional design. Maureen describes his sculpture as big and his pottery as awesome. Andrew surveys for a gas company. Maureen, who holds a master's from USM, is a speech language pathologist for the Harrison County Child Development Center. Don is surveying Japan's ocean floor before he retires. • **Kathy Hickey Barrie** described the Newton College e-mail requesting news as playing upon our heart strings very effectively.

1973 REUNION 2008

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As we anticipate the arrival of summer and our class reunion, here is the latest news from our classmates. • **Timothy P. Broglio** has been appointed the new military ordinary by Pope Benedict XVI. Previously he had served as the apostolic nuncio to the Dominican Republic and papal delegate to Puerto Rico. He succeeds Archbishop Edwin O'Brien, who is now the archbishop of Baltimore. Archbishop Broglio earned a BA in classics from Boston College and an STB in theology and a doctorate in canon law from the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome. He was ordained to the priesthood (for the diocese of Cleveland) on May 19, 1977, in the Chapel of the Immaculate Con-

ception of the North American College, Rome. He was ordained as an archbishop by Pope John Paul II on March 19, 2001, and on November 19, 2007, he was named the fourth archbishop of the Military Services, USA. • On another note, in 2003, **Michael O'Keefe** was sworn in as district attorney for the Cape and the islands. Michael had served as assistant district attorney and as a prosecutor in the DA's office for 20 years. He defeated Kevin Callahan (D) of Falmouth. As district attorney, Michael oversees a superior court and five district courts on Cape Cod and the islands. • As the 35th reunion for the Class of 1973 approaches, don't forget to keep abreast of the latest reunion news. Please alert your classmates to send submissions for this column. We want to know what's happening with all our famous alums!

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Thanks to everyone who sent me news. This is a great class! • To honor the good works of our classmate **John D. Mineck**, M.Ed. '76, who passed away in 2007, **Chuck Lanzieri** and some friends will be organizing a golf tournament in his name this summer. Please contact Chuck at lanzieri@uhrad.com for details. He would love to hear from other "Chestnuts" from the old days at 210 Chestnut Hill Ave. Chuck's daughter Christina will graduate from BC this year, and son Charlie is CSOM '11. • **Robert McCarthy**, MBA '94, is a senior vice president in the commercial division of TD Banknorth, concentrating in the real estate sector, and he has moved to Scituate. Bob's son has graduated, and his daughter is a sophomore at Brown. • For the past year, **Carole LeBlanc** has been providing technical support for the policies development of the Department of Defense's Emerging Contaminants Directorate. Carole was the first American woman to complete the environmental studies program in sustainable

development and management at Erasmus University in Rotterdam. Earlier, Carole had worked for BC's Cancer Institute and Tufts Medical Center of Boston, and she served as director of the Surface Solutions Lab at UMass Lowell. Carole is a fellow of the American Institute of Chemists, past president of the New England Institute of Chemists, and the author of dozens of publications. • **Donna Chase** and her husband, Jim, are enjoying operating their Norwell realty firm, Weichert Realtors-The Chase Team. Donna would be happy to hear from area classmates. • Congratulations to **Mark Gibney**, who has been named Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Human Rights Program, Lancaster University (UK) Faculty of Law. He recently published his latest text, in which he takes up the issue of international human rights enforcement. Mark is also a grandfather for the third time (!), with the birth of grandson Jesper Roxstrom. • Following the excitement of this year's Beanpot win, I was happy to hear from '74 hockey captain **Ray D'Arcy**. After BC, Ray coached with Len Ceglarski '51 while earning his MA in finance at Babson. For the last 29 years he has been at Interactive Data, where he is president of its worldwide sales and marketing organization. The D'Arcys live in Walpole and enjoy summers in Harwich. • Hey, did anyone else see the picture of happy Celtics fans **John Nucci** and his son in the *Boston Globe*? • Take care, and please keep in touch!

NC 1974

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I regretfully report that **Karen Tatum Thomas** died on December 5, 2007. Our class sends condolences to Karen's family—Brian, her husband of 33 years; son J.R. and his family; Karen's mother; four brothers; two sisters; and niece Tracey. Karen had worked for 28 years at Digital Equipment Co., and at the time of her death was a financial advisor with New York Life. The news of Karen's death was sent to me by **Elizabeth Mullaney**, who wrote that although she only ran into Karen three times during the past 30 years, each encounter was special and memorable. Please remember Karen in your prayers. • Elizabeth also wrote that after opening a senior center in Worcester, she took an early retirement. She

has now embarked on a second career in early childhood education. Elizabeth further wrote that Susan Huffner, her first-year English teacher, is a sociology professor at Assumption College, having worked in the elderly field for a number of years. Professor Huffner presented a doctoral dissertation on the spiritual life of older woman, primarily the religious. Elizabeth, a political activist in the Democratic Party living in the heart of the Commonwealth, is embarking on the college search for her son, Eamon Lightning. • Congratulations to new grandparents Dan and Elise Gaudreau Bradley. Elise's son Danny and his wife, Cara, welcomed in the new year with Colin's birth; their other son, Mike, is a junior at Notre Dame, while daughter Jenny was married at the Georgetown Chapel on July 14, 2007. Jenny and her husband live in DC. • Philadelphia Futures, a nonprofit committed to helping urban students obtain a college education, announced the election of Madeline Sherry to its board of directors. Madeline, who practices in the field of products liability litigation, employment law, and commercial litigation, is a director in the law firm Gibbons P.C. and is also an established author and frequent lecturer. Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Super Lawyers*, Madeline has also been honored for her volunteer work: She received the Homeless Advocacy Project's Volunteer Recognition Award in 2004 and the Philadelphia Futures Mentor of the Year Award in 2008. Congratulations, Madeline! • Thanks go out to Elizabeth Mullaney, Madeline Sherry, and Julie Nuzzo for sending in news notes. It is easy to do, so please send your news to me by e-mail or regular mail; my addresses are noted above.

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Greetings! I hope this edition finds you all doing well. • Mary Morley wrote of her fantastic week with 38 other BC alumni on a service trip to New Orleans in January. They stayed in the freshman dorm at Loyola University and worked with the St. Bernard Project led by Liz McCartney'94, refurbishing homes devastated by Katrina. She highly recommends joining BC's alumni service trips! • Ray Julian, our former class treasurer,

is a partner and executive vice president of financial planning at Winslow, Evans & Crocker in Boston. He and his wife, Michele '76, recently moved to Winthrop, where they're renovating a 1920s Arts and Crafts home on Boston Harbor. Michele finished her 10th season with the Boston Red Sox as director of human resources and will receive her second World Series ring. They enjoy sailing out of the Cottage Park Yacht Club and meeting old friends at the BC Club as well as around town. • Congratulations to Anne Camille (Maher) Talley, MBA'82, who was named the 2008 Star Volunteer by the 4,000-member Healthcare Businesswomen's Association. She was honored at HBA's annual luncheon in New York City on May 8. More information is available at www.hbanet.org under the Awards tab. • With sadness I report the passing of Daniel Silver, husband of classmate Rosann Nardone Silver of Holden. Dan earned an MS in science teaching from BC in 1978 and an MD from the University of Guadalajara School of Medicine in 1982. He was an accomplished singer, songwriter, guitarist, cyclist, and runner who enjoyed a healthy lifestyle. He was a beloved and effective physician to his patients. Above all his interests was his love and dedication to his family. He leaves his wife of 25 years and three sons: Brian, Michael, and Craig. Our condolences to Rosann and her family. • Floyd Armstrong was unanimously approved, along with nine others, by the Pensacola (FL) City Council to serve as a member of the Charter Review Commission, with the objective of proposing to the council, and ultimately the voters of the city, a new city charter of government. • That is all the news for now. As always, I look forward to hearing from you. • Enjoy the simple pleasures of the upcoming summer months.

NC 1975

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Hi ladies! Where are you all? I need your news to write the column, so please send me some! • I received a Christmas card from Sandy McDonald Jones with news that all is well in Atlanta with her and her family. • A few months ago, I received a note from Carol Fitzsimons: "I had a lovely evening last night at the home of Jo Ann Hilliard Holland. Joanne McCarthy Goggins, Lee

Costello, Carol Finigan Wilson, Susie Lindahl Costa, and I represented the Class of '75, and Kathy McDonough Hinderhofer NC'73, Peggy Warnken NC'73, and Celeste Walker NC'73 also attended. We had lots of laughs and an elegant dinner. Jo Ann was the 'hostess with the mostest,' as my mother would say." • Geri Ryan Zipf wrote to me recently, "Joanne Corrado Stern, Betsy Gaw McGrath M.Ed.'79, Joan Pedersen, Jane McCavitt, Teresa Valdes-Fauli Weintraub JD'79, Kathleen Kaye, and I are all looking for Mary Conway. We hope for a New York City get-together on the weekend of June 21 and we would all love to see Mary, too! If anyone knows how to contact her, please let us know. Also, if you plan to be in New York City that weekend and would like to be part of this party, please contact me, and I will send your message on to Geri. • Things on the Cape are lovely and I am very happy living here. I know that Kathy O'Connor Murphy lives in Sandwich, but I can't seem to locate her. Give me a yell, please. Anyone else on the Cape? I think Cathy LoConto Lucey is also here. As for the rest of you, as the weather gets warmer, remember that you are welcome to swing by for a visit. • Cindy Crowe Frere is a grandmother again, and it's a girl this time. I had a great visit with her and Ron last fall when I went to Vermont with Nancy Coughlin Ferraro, M.Ed.'77, and Jackie DeMars. • I heard from Mary Ferris, who was looking for Liz (Mahoney) Flaherty. I hope she was able to make contact. • One last shoutout: Margaret Caputo has lost track of Francie Anhut; F.A., please call home! • Has anyone else had a mini-reunion, dinner, or lunch with classmates? What's up in Fairfield county and New Jersey? Check in please, ladies! It's graduation and wedding season, so share your joy. Stay in touch, and pray for peace.

1976

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Steve Capwell resides in Bethlehem, PA, and is a radio disc jockey when not playing in Sterno, his popular blues band. He dedicates their cover versions of Kinks songs to *moi*, and remains a big fan of "Honeyboy" Edwards. Rock on! • The Real Estate Bar Association for Massachusetts,

the fastest growing in New England with over 3,000 members, elected **Paul F. Alphen**, MA'77, its president for 2008. Paul is a partner in the Westford law firm of Balas, Alphen & Santos, PC. He and wife Nan (Chase) '79, M.Ed.'80, along with **Bill and Susan (Gilbride) Sheehan** and **Tim and Judy (Cellucci) Corbett**, traveled to South Bend/ Chicago to watch the Eagles defeat Notre Dame last October. Paul and Tim also witnessed BC's loss in the ACC championship game in December. • In December, **Donna Carelli Hoffman** and son **Jared** attended the Champs Sports Bowl in Orlando to see BC's victory over MSU. Who says BC doesn't "travel well"? • **Christopher M. Joyce** is sales manager of the Gold team at Continental Television Sales, a division of Katz Television Group. Chris joined **Nick Deane**, **George Murphy**, and **Phil Elum** in a trek to Austin, TX, for Jerry Jeff Walker's annual birthday weekend gala. Chris invites all to the March 2009 event. • **Jan Goldman O'Connor** wrote just to thank yours truly for this column. Where did the time go? It was much appreciated at this address. • **Michael and Joann (Paulsen) Rooney** celebrated their 30th anniversary of wedded bliss. Mike left ESPN to become chief revenue officer for Dow Jones and the *Wall Street Journal*. He now knows all the lyrics to "Waltzing Matilda." Joann enjoys teaching math at the Ursuline School in New Rochelle, NY. Their two children, **Leigh Ann** and **Hank '06**, are working and residing in Moretown, VT, and in the Big Apple, respectively. • Congratulations to our own **John Mara** on the New York Giants' victory in the Super Bowl. • Have a safe and happy spring and summer, and please write! God bless!

1977

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After an extended sabbatical, **Paul Sullivan** returned to the workforce in January as a senior manager, PR, in the AEC Industry division of Autodesk, a software firm based in San Rafael, CA. He will be located in the company's Manchester, NH, and Waltham offices. Paul says, "Think 'SimCity' for engineers, architects, builders, and designers and you'll get a good idea." During the previous 15 months, he traveled to Croatia, the Greek Islands, Italy, and France; took a Mediterranean cruise; skied in Beaver

Creek, CO; hiked in the Canadian Rockies and in the White Mountains; attended many rock 'n' roll concerts; and facilitated a business class at the University of New Hampshire. Paul, I wish you luck and happiness and welcome you back to the real world! • **Richard and Pam Pomon Jackson**, who live in Hopkinton, will celebrate 30 years of marriage in June. They have two children: **Joe (24)**, a Harvard alumnus; and **Kim (22)**, a Brown graduate. Pam regretted missing the 30th reunion, but **Hillside-mates Deb (Ciervo) Wenger** and **Anne (Elliott) Goldfisher** filled her in on the fun she missed. • **Carolyn (Boyle) '79** and **Michael J. Hollis** are the proud parents of three BC children: **Mike '06** is working at State Street Bank, **Kate '07** is at Lord & Taylor in New York City, and **Amy** is a sophomore at BC. Michael and Carolyn keep busy running a medical supply business. • **Maureen (O'Connor) Hurley** went to the BC-Notre Dame football game in South Bend last year with a group of alumni and had a ball. Maureen stayed in Chicago and took a train (of all BC alumni) back and forth to the game. Maureen, we know you had a great time watching BC beat ND! • **Gus Kalivas**, his son **Lee**, **Mike McNeil '74**, my son **Alexander**, and I watched BC win our eighth straight bowl game at my home in Norwalk, CT. We missed **Paul Vier**, who lives in nearby Ridgefield, but couldn't be with us. • Speaking of football, how about those New York Giants! This was by far the greatest Cinderella football story of all times. Congratulations to **John K. Mara '76**, his sister **Susan Mara McDonnell**, and family. John, I don't have to tell you how proud **Mike McNeil '74**; **Lenny DeLuca '74**, **JD '77**; **Jim Michener '74**; **Bob Keplesky '74**; **Tony Nuzzo '73**; and I are of you and your team! • Fellow classmates, please keep your write-ups coming. I've been getting calls from classmates expressing their enjoyment in reading about their classmates. • God bless you, and may all good things find the path to your door.



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Amazing what a reunion year will do for the news coming in! Our 30th reunion will be May 30-June 1. The dinner-dance is Saturday,

May 31, in the Heights Room. BC no longer allows us to sell tickets for the dance at the door, so please make your reservations now! Sign up at www.bc.edu/alumni/association.html. **Brian and Krys Owen** and **Randy MacDonald** are co-chairs of the fundraising committee working to attain a significant gift to the University from our class; please help the Great '78 give BC something wonderful. • Doing something wonderful for children with life-threatening and life-limiting conditions is **Cathy Brefach Newman**, a pediatric clinician with Valley Home Care's Butterflies Program in Paramus, NJ. Cathy was presented with the William E. Boye Jr. Humanitarian Award last year in recognition of her work. Congrats, Cathy! • Kudos is also in order for the following classmates: **Peter G. Crummey**, **Ellen Bernard Shrager**, and **Michael A. Murphy**. Peter was recently reelected to a third term as town justice in Colonie, NY. Judge Crummey also maintains a private law practice in Albany. He and his wife live in Colonie with their five children; the two oldest are at the Heights. Ellen had a book published in 2007 titled *Teacher Dialogues: A Survival Guide to Successful Dialogues with Low-Performing Students, Indulged Students, and Enabling Parents*. She travels the country training teachers to better deal with low-performing or indulged students and enabling parents. She was recently the keynote speaker at a 17-state conference. Michael Murphy recently joined the Boston office of Preti Flaherty as director of the firm's litigation group. A special agent with the FBI from 1983 to 1988, he also founded Michael A. Murphy & Associates, where he practiced law for nine years. He resides in Milton with his family. • **Billy Glazier** of Carlisle wrote to say it was great to see fellow alums **Rich Petrone**, **Steve Jennings**, and **Ed Hanlon** as another BC basketball season got under way. He also heard from his freshman roomie at Gonzaga, **Bert Notini**, JD'83, whom Rich calls a Bob Dylan wannabe. • Also wanting to reunite with some fellow '78ers is **Rosanne Guccione Fullam**, a teacher in Norwalk, CT, for the past 20 years. Rosanne would love to hear from **Judy Bottalico Dobovan** and **Jamie Agins**. She did hook up with **Jane Ettari Reilly** and keeps in touch with **Julie Vittoria Atkinson**. • **Dick Goode** checked in from Jupiter, FL, where he lives and plays golf with David Gately '77 a few times a year when David comes down from New York City. Dick spent seven years flying for the Navy and has been an international captain with American Airlines for the last 23 years.

He splits his time between Jupiter and Del Mar, CA, and writes screenplays for Hollywood in his spare time. • **Beatrice Stipek** writes that she is a systems director with John Hancock and is back at school for a master's in IT management at Brandeis University. Beatrice is also mom to a 12-year-old son. • **Kevin Whalen** teaches English as a Second Language (ESL) in Trenton, NJ. He relates that he wishes he hadn't been so shy as he "lost out on a lot of parties and making friends" during his freshman year. I say, "Make up for lost time at the reunion, Kevin!" • Looking forward to seeing you all in late May when we rewind and unwind!

1979

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Eve Nadel writes that her biggest "dividend" from BC is her best friend, Mary McGilvery. They were recently reminiscing over the phone and laughing about MA's, the Tam, and Callahan's. Since graduation, Eve has worked in market and media research and eventually landed on the client side working on accounts like Fugifilm and Lorillard Tobacco. She is currently a promotional writer working from home and raising her nine-year-old son with her husband, a magazine editor. • Frank and Ellie Mannarino Lofaro have been married for 26 years and have three children. They are very proud that their son Jordan '11 entered BC this past fall. After graduation, Ellie taught high-school English on Long Island, then stayed home for 10 years to raise her family. During the last decade, she has been traveling as an inspirational author, conference speaker, and Bible teacher. Her fifth book is being published this summer. • Last summer, Kerry Mahony worked in Ireland at Moyglare Manor, her grandmother's 18th-century Georgian house in the heart of County Kildare's racehorse country; in her family for 25 years, the manor and is now up for sale because no family members remain to run the inn. Kerry lives in Rowayton, CT, and works in human resource management at UST in Stamford. • Molly Duggan Russin has been at Merck for 10 years working in marketing and promotion. Her oldest, Kelly, is a sophomore at BU, Drew is in high school, and Connie is in eighth grade. Molly's main BC connection is Connie's godmother, Carol Moretti, who lives in New York City. They see each

other often. Molly's family spends time in the Poconos and on the Jersey shore. Molly also spends time with her daughter in Boston. She sends a shout out to her former roommates Jeanne, Claire, Mary Ellen, Michelle, and Stephanie, and to her neighbors in the Mods. • Brian R. Driscoll, president of The Driscoll Agency in Norwell, chaired the Fifth Annual Rising Stars Gala benefiting the Tufts-New England Medical Center held last February at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel. The event honors contributors to the hospital and the greater community, and this year raised over a half million dollars. • Selective Insurance Company of America appointed Gerould J. Goetz vice president and claims general counsel. • On a sad note, James Menzies Shannon Jr. passed away on October 13, 2007. He leaves his former wife, two daughters, and two sons. • Please stay connected for the 30th—send me the abridged stories of your lives. I'll keep you posted on planned events.

1980

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1981

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Michael Fasulo still lives in his hometown of Southington, CT, and has been working as a CPA since graduation. He and his wife, Cheryl, have been married since 1989 and have one child, a five-year-old terrier-mix dog named Fredo. Michael stays in touch with Paul Axelrad, Michael Kamp, Jon Agger '83, and Denise (Larkin) Kiley. • Trish Kelly was named executive vice president in charge of commercial real estate, Midwest region, at Citizens Financial Group. She was previously executive vice president of institutional real estate for ABN AMRO's LaSalle Bank in Chicago. Trish also serves on the board of the Children's Home & Aid Society of Illinois and previously served on the boards of the Kohl Children's Museum and St. Joseph's Hospital. • Thanks to Phil Brown and Greg Clower, I received one of

the most complete submissions ever on a group of '81 classmates who descended on Clemson last fall for the annual BC Animal Cup Golf Tournament. The assembled group played 18 holes on Friday and stayed together in a beautiful, spacious lake house (booked by Greg Bowerman). Friday evening featured a feast, courtesy of the culinary genius of Phil Murray, and an extraordinary red wine tasting. Following dinner, card games ensued in which Brett Kellam seemed to take Mike Connolly for all he was worth. Fellow '81 alumni Ed Fogarty, Geoff Grant, Gary Raymond, Phil Brown, Tim Laughlin (eventual tournament winner), Joe Harkins, Tim O'Donnell, John Graham, Mark Erba, and Greg Clower also joined in the revelry. Another 18 holes of golf on Saturday, topped off by a thrilling victory in Clemson's famed Death Valley, made for yet another legendary trip for the boys. It is a credit to Boston College that this group reconnects as often as it does. The amazing experience, which began for many on the Newton Campus, culminated in the Mods and created lifelong friendships, as evidenced by the camaraderie whenever the group is together. Greg Clower initiated the idea to combine an ACC football venue with the golf tournament, and it seems destined to become a yearly pilgrimage. UNC at Chapel Hill and Pinehurst are penciled in for 2008. I've offered to host the tailgate for the UVA game in 2009, so I'm hoping the troops will venture to Charlottesville so I can see everyone! • I have much more news to share from this crowd but limited space, so be sure to check out the more extensive report by logging on to the BC Alumni Online Community.

1982

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Case closed on the missing BC ring. It was safely returned to M. Duncan (Driscoll) Finigan, who lost it 25 years ago! The ring traveled back from Long Beach, CA, where it had been enjoying a warmer climate. Thanks to the member of the Class of 1985 who found the ring and returned it to Duncan. • Katherine (Lekas) Putnam has joined Corporate Facility Services as the director of business development. • Bruce Pearl, men's head basketball coach at the University of Southern Indiana from 1992

to 2001, has been selected for induction into the USI Athletic Hall of Fame. As a coach, Bruce has the most wins (231) in the history of men's basketball. He achieved success in Division I at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the University of Tennessee. Congratulations, Bruce, on this very exciting honor. I believe the Class of 1982 are all basketball fans because of Bruce's enthusiastic undergrad energy!

• I read online that one of the BC trivia contest winners was **Dennis Monahan**. Dennis correctly answered the trivia question on the fancy dining (at the Golden Lantern) that BC offered in our day. Dennis won a BC decal for his correct answer.

• **James Pruss** e-mailed from Ho Chi Minh City, where he lives with his wife, Dao. He works for International SOS and oversees Vietnam marketing. James and Dao recently had their first child, Noah, born on November 16 at Franco-Vietnamese Hospital in Ho Chi Minh City. • **Michael Turner** was recently named senior vice president and manager of the eastern division for FM Global, Rhode Island's largest commercial property insurer. Michael has been with the company since 1982.

• **David Smith-Ferri** has written to announce that a second edition of his book *Battlefields without Borders* has been published. It has 12 new poems and a new foreword. The poems grew out of visits to Iraq and Jordan over a period of eight years, and all but \$20 of the sale price of the book goes directly to Iraqi families to assist with their urgent medical needs. Classmates can read sample poems and learn about the direct aid program and some of the families David is assisting at www.battlefieldwithoutborders.org. David has been on a national book tour, raising funds for Iraqi people injured in the war. He can be reached at smithferri@pacific.net.

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John Dorn recently founded Chirolegal Resources, a medical legal consulting company with offices in Boston and on Cape Cod. John welcomes all inquiries at www.chirolegalresources.com • **Mike Finn** sends a big "hey!" to **Tommy McCormack** from the Murray House crew. • **Ray Rapoza** lives in East Greenwich, RI, with his wife,

TEA TIME

"My grandmother would be shocked. Shocked, but proud," says Cynthia Bigelow '82, referring to the growth of her family's business in a voice that's equal parts laughter and reverence. Laughter because Bigelow laughs often and makes friends quickly—treating new acquaintances like old friends and old friends like family. Reverence because she's speaking of Ruth Campbell Bigelow, the late family matriarch who started Bigelow Tea in her kitchen in 1945.

As company president, Bigelow is tasked with carrying her mantle as a talented businesswoman and with maintaining R.C. Bigelow, Inc.'s #1 position in the U.S. specialty tea category. (It produces more than 1.4 billion tea bags annually.) She says new flavor development and strategic partnerships with companies like beverage giant Arizona to produce a variety of teas based on their popular iced drinks keep her company innovative.

She also takes pride in the respect given to all her employees. "Hopefully their job satisfaction spreads not only into all parts of their work, but also into their personal lives. I feel that's critical as an employer," she says.

Here, Bigelow provides her take on life and her BC experience:

WHAT IS THE MOST SATISFYING MOMENT IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL LIFE?

I try to make a difference every day, so I don't look back that often.

IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE?

Same rules apply.

WHAT IS YOUR NEXT GOAL?

To keep growing our business so that our 350 employees can still support their families in 10 years and my kids can work here if they want to.

WHAT WAS THE LAST BOOK YOU READ?

Doing What Matters by James M. Kilts, John F. Manfredi, and Robert Lorber.

WHAT IS YOUR BEST BC MEMORY?

After being scared and lonely my first semester freshman year, walking on Newton Campus on a warm spring day and seeing other students playing lacrosse, and reading



As president of R.C. Bigelow, Inc., Cynthia Bigelow is as committed to her employees as she is to the success of her family's business.

and laughing. I said to myself, "This is good. I'm happy and ready for this now."

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON IN LIFE?

Treat every day as if it's a gift.

WHAT DO YOU LOOK FORWARD TO EACH DAY?

Living. Making a difference for someone in some way.

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOUR LIFE THE MOST?

No question. My father.

HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED SINCE GRADUATION?

Like a bottle of wine, I hope I'm improving with age.

WHAT IS THE LATEST SONG ON YOUR IPOD?

Vienna Teng's "Harbor."

FOR MORE Q&A WITH CYNTHIA BIGELOW, VISIT
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Michelle, and daughters Layson (16) and Emily (14). Ray is a financial consultant with A.G. Edwards in Providence. He can be reached at raymond.rapoza@agedwards.com. • **Marianne Lucas Lescher**, Ph.D.'98, was named a faculty associate at Arizona State University's Fulton College of Education. Marianne is in her eighth year as an elementary school principal. In February, her school was recognized as an "A+ School" by the Arizona Educational Foundation for its Celebrating Diversity programs. • **Fred "Rick" Galeazzo** lives in Campbell, CA, with his five sons, ages 8 through 15, and is a strategic global account manager at TTM Technologies, a leading PCB manufacturer.

1984

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Greetings to all! Here is the news that I have received. • **Daniel N. Giatrelis** has been practicing general dentistry in Melrose for 14 years. He and his wife, Tammy, and children Meredith (8) and Nicholas (5) live in Middleton. • **Gen Liquori Byrne** has enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom for the past three years to daughters Rachel (7) and Jamie Lynn (6). Gen left her career in human resources and is now an aerobics instructor and personal trainer. She is building a business with Arbonne International and earned a white Mercedes-Benz from the company. She enjoys life in Bethlehem, PA, but misses the city life in Boston. • **Craig Gatarz** has joined Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP as part of the corporate practice group. He will be based in the Century City, CA, office. • **Timothy Doyle** was recently named chief operating officer of the Pinnacle Financial Group, a benefits and insurance consulting firm in Southborough. He was previously vice president of operations at Fidelity Investments. • **Hazel (Nemanich) Kochocki**, MBA'94, accepted a position at Malden Catholic High School as director of marketing and communications. After a number of years at home caring for her three children and managing a successful consulting business, she will undertake the school's admissions marketing strategy while working with the advancement department to produce alumni relations. • **Leo Jolicoeur** was appointed CEO of the Abaca Technology Corporation in San Jose, CA. The company is an innovator in e-mail

protection and messaging security. Leo joined Abaca's board of directors in 2007 and has also served as an executive consultant for the company. • Last November, **Carolyn Kirk** was elected mayor of Gloucester. • **Therese Paget** married Clark David Holland in South Orleans at the Winslow Estate. Attending were Gregory Paget '00; Paul Paget '45, MSW'49; Mary Pat (Kelly) Wickstrom; Lynn (Murray) Smith; Rita (McGurk) Riccardi; and Pam Thornton '87. Therese and David are living in Orleans, where Therese is a real estate sales associate with Kinlin Grover. • **Cynthia Wisniewski-Gonyea** was appointed vice president of global sales for PermissionTV, an interactive Internet video technology platform provider. • Thank you for all the news! Enjoy the summer!

1985

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I hope your summer is off to a great start! • The roommates of Mod 14-A got together in October 2007 to watch **Ann Porell McGoldrick** be inducted into the BC Varsity Club Hall of Fame. She was introduced as a women's soccer trailblazer, which is a polite way of saying we are all old! Among the other honorees were **Gerard Phelan** and Coach **Jack Bicknell**, M.Ed.'88. Coming the farthest for the gathering (from Colorado Springs) was **Nancy Gonsalves Baum** and her daughter Kate (6), who thoroughly enjoyed her first tailgate experience and went on to be a BC cheerleader for Halloween. Nancy and Kate stayed with **Kathy Donahue Kelleher** and her clan in Walpole for the weekend and tailgated with **Peggy Fleming Strakosch**. **Chrissy D'Entremont Mosher** came from Falmouth for the brunch along with Peter and **Cathy Murphy Counsell** from Concord. Nancy is working for the U.S. Olympic Committee, and the preparations for the Beijing Olympics are heating up. • **Steven DeLuca**, JD'88, has established a new law firm with three other attorneys. The Providence-based firm, **Sullivan Signore Whitehead & DeLuca LLP**, specializes in commercial litigation, liability defense, criminal defense, white-collar crime, and domestic relations. Steven lives in Barrington with his wife, Kim, who is an associate professor at Brown, and their two girls, Cara (11) and Talia (8). • **Medway Co-operative Bank** has named **Ann M. Sherry**,

MBA'93, senior vice president, customer care and relationship development. • **Ralph Gabric**, an attorney with Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione, was recently included on a list of 2008 Illinois Super Lawyers. The list was compiled by *Law & Politics* magazine, which surveyed approximately 47,000 Illinois lawyers, asking them to identify the best Illinois lawyers they had worked with or had observed in action. Congratulations to Ralph! • The Lubrizol Corporation recently announced that **Julie Scalabrino Young** has joined the company as senior manager, corporate communications. • **Cathy Savage-Eysie** has opened her own athletic training and fitness complex in Norwood, **Cathy Savage Fitness** (www.cathysavagefitness.com), which trains aspiring athletes ranging from amateurs to professional marathon runners, fitness athletes, cheerleaders, and models. Cathy was featured on "MTV True Life: I Want the Perfect Body II" as she coached a nonathletic Harvard coed who wanted to become a fitness athlete and competitor. The show airs about four times a month on the MTV Network. Cathy also serves on the advisory panel of *Oxygen*, one of the nation's leading women's fitness magazines. She lives in Norwood with husband John and their two children, Ryan (6) and Tori (4). • Please continue to e-mail me your news!

1986

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It was great to hear from **Rob Raffaele**, an old friend from freshman year! Rob lives in Alexandria, VA, and is a TV news producer for Voice of America. He would love to hear from old friends and can be contacted at robonthenet@earthlink.net. Thanks for writing in, Rob! • Thanks also to **Jamie Sullivan** who wrote in with news. Jamie and his wife and three children live in the Hartford, CT, area. Jamie is the managing partner of his law firm and was recently listed in *New England Super Lawyers* magazine and *Connecticut Magazine* in the area of litigation. Congratulations, Jamie! He reported that **Nelson Dupere** was recently married in Florida. Nelson and his wife, Sally, live in Brighton, and Nelson works for New Balance. Both Nelson and Jamie are avid racers and triathletes. Congratulations to Nelson! Bruce would love to hear from you, Nelson!

1987

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Hi. I hope you're all well. I'd love to hear from some of you who haven't written in a while if you have a chance. • Congratulations go out to the following classmates on their recent achievements. • **Lutof G. Awdeh** has been named cochair of the State and Local Tax Committee of the Tax Section of the Boston Bar Association. He is a director in the state and local tax group at PricewaterhouseCoopers and a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law. • **Anne Marie Towle** has been named cochair of the Estate Planning Committee of the Trust & Estates Section of the Boston Bar Association. She is of counsel at Choate Hall & Stewart and a graduate of Duke University School of Law. • **Michael J. Pellini** has been named chief operating officer of Clarient, a premier technology and services resource for pathologists, oncologists, and the pharmaceutical industry. Previously, he was chief operating officer of Lakewood Pathology Associates, a Lakewood, New Jersey-based national anatomical pathology company, and from 1999 to 2004 he served as president and CEO of Genomics Collaborative Inc. He earned his MBA from Drexel University and his MD from Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University. • As you may remember, I closed out the last column with the sad news of the passing of Mary Lane. Her close friend Katy Stephens Dobens e-mailed me a fantastic article by Matt Schudel (on washingtonpost.com) that gives a glimpse into Mary's courageous struggle against cancer and her positive attitude during her long fight. Check it out if you have a chance.

1988



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Greetings, fellow '88ers! I'm sorry to say there are no updates to print this time. I'm sure the reason is because we're all busy making our travel plans to attend our 20th (!) reunion, being held May 30–June 1. If you're reading this, you must have some interest in what's going on with our fellow

classmates, and it's still not too late to make plans to attend. Please make every effort to get to the big two-oh, and be sure to check out the next column for a glowing review of how much fun we all had.

1989

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Classmates! Can you believe our 20th reunion is fast approaching? Mark your calendars for a return to campus one year from now—May 2009. Here are the latest updates. (Find more information on the BC Alumni Online Community: www.bc.edu/alumni/association/community.html.) • **Timothy McNerney** (tmcnerney@ecoisp.com) wrote that he is living in Northampton with his daughter, Sofia (6). The Repair Collective, a workers' collective that he founded a few years ago, is expanding from home repair into green renovation and construction. He also founded and chaired the Green Team and served on other committees for the River Valley Market, a community-owned food co-op that was scheduled to open this spring. The Green Team has added a photovoltaic array, daylighting, and efficient energy systems to

former students graduate from high school and met Dr. Brent McCabe, a Juilliard grad with a doctorate in music performance. They were married in June 2004 at 9,500 feet in the Spanish Peaks of Big Sky, MT. **Lisa DeMayo** was the lone Eagle on hand to celebrate with them. Since then, they have spent two years in Wyoming at UW and a year in Bozeman at MSU. They are now in Dillon, MT, where Brent is an associate professor of music at the University of Montana. Deb taught high-school special ed until the birth of their daughter, Cayenne Summer, in April 2007, and now she now has two jobs—reading specialist and mom. They adore being parents and living under the Big Sky, and they welcome any Eagles to visit. • Looking forward to seeing all at reunion '09!

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Laurie and Jim Walsh are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Susan Maureen, born on December 7, 2007, in Weymouth. She joins big brother Aidan (4). Jim works as a consultant for Pioneer Global Asset Management in downtown

Deborah Williamson-McCabe was a belated JV on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation.

a project already boosting the local economy; helping family farms; and providing safe, healthy, and local foods. • **Deborah Williamson-McCabe** (mccabe.deborah@yahoo.com) wrote a great update on her travels since 1989. (Full report is online.) After first working at Williams-Sonoma, she was a belated JV on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation from 1992 to 1993, where she taught second grade at St. Paul's Mission Grade School. Their JV motto that year was, "Touch me with truth that burns like fire." She did just that and found her calling working with emotionally disabled kids; she headed back east to get an M.Ed from Simmons (1997) and then taught emotionally and learning disabled kids in Boston, Roxbury, Carlisle, and San Francisco and ran an Outward Bound program in the Boston Harbor Islands for Boston public kids. In 2003, she revisited Fort Belknap to see her

Boston. • **Lara Nielsen** is an assistant professor in the Macalester College Theater and Dance Department. Lara received her MA from the University of Minnesota and her Ph.D. in performance studies from New York University. • **Geoffrey Mackey** has joined Baird, an international financial services firm, as private wealth management marketing manager. Geoffrey holds an MBA from Indiana University. • **Brenda Hustis Gotanda** of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, an environmental, energy, and land-use law firm, was named a 2007 Rising Star by *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* magazine in the area of environmental law. • **Eric Lobser** has been living in his hometown of St. Louis since BC days, and has worked for Laclede Gas for 17 years. He has been happily married for 12 years to Caty, and has a son, Steven (9), and a stepson, Scott (18). Eric was promoted to director in the corporate

development and business planning functions for the Laclede Group, where he oversees the research, assessment, and development of recommendations and implementation plans for business opportunities. • **Dan Kolenda** is vice president, senior counsel at CA, Inc., and a captain in the U.S. Army Reserves JAG Corps. Dan and his wife, Kathy '89, have three children—James, Annalise, and Matthew—and live in Southborough. • **Troy Clarkson** recently completed 12 years (four terms) as a Falmouth selectman; most recently he was assistant to the mayor in Attleboro. Troy is now writing political commentary on Cape Cod, for both print and online newspapers: www.wicked-local.com/falmouth/opinions "Troy's Take" and www.capecodtoday.com "Entering Falmouth." • **Greg Montana**, wife Karen, and kids Katie (9), Max (7), and Rose (3) are living in London. For the last year, Greg has been leading credit and operational risk management for Lloyds Bank's largest retail product there. • **Phil Rectra** was recently hired by Newton-based communications firm Visual Stream Productions as vice president of business development. He splits his time between Boston and Cape Cod, and on the occasional Monday, he can be found singing classic songs from the Forties at the Roadhouse Cafe in Hyannis.

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Lots of great news this time around! Thanks—and please keep the news coming! • **Edward Carbone**, JD'94, was named a participating shareholder in the Tampa office of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC. Ed practices in the firm's litigation section. • **Stites & Harbison PLLC** have elected **Oliver H. "Scott" Barber III** a member of the firm's Louisville, KY, office. Scott is a member of the business litigation service group and the white-collar crime practice section. • In December **Amul R. Thapar** was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as a federal judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky. Amul is the first federal judge of South Asian descent in U.S. history. He was nominated by President Bush after serving as U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky since 2006. Amul lives in Edgewood, KY, with his wife, Kim, and their three children. • **Kellyann (Bartolomei)** and

Anthony Parlato are running a community center in Center Moriches, NY. They also run a Santa's Workshop each year and raised \$11,000 in 2007 for children and families in need. • **Stephanie (Cappiello)** Calabrese, MA'95, had her third child about a year ago. Grace joins Chloe (3) and Jack (4). Stephanie is home but looks forward to returning to teaching high-school math in a few years. Stephanie's family lives in Queens, NY, where husband Chris is an attorney for the ACLU. • **Amy Howle** has been undergoing treatment for breast cancer since January 2007. Things are going well, and she's had many visits from BC alum including **Tony and Lynn Angelini Martine**, **Susan Garro Millerick**, **Jillian Griffiths**, **Liz Matys MAT'93**, **Tere Bruno Uriarte**, **Krista Wolfe Barton**, **Beth Regan Kisielius**, **Mary Lyster Ellis**, and **Chris Daley**, as well as e-mails from many old BC friends. Amy thanks everyone for their support and reminds all ladies to get mammograms! • **Cara DeNuccio**, husband Dennis, and children Hannah (6), Jonah (4), and Daniel (2) live in East Lansing, MI, where Dennis is finishing his law degree at Michigan State University. They hope to relocate to New England upon his graduation in May. Cara is working full-time in the substance abuse field. She got to visit with **Elizabeth West Kuhlmann**, M.Ed.'93, and **Karen (Kremer) Mahoney '90** recently.

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In February, **Pasqualeen (Supler) Kessinger**, **Lexy (Edelen) Boudreau**, **Leigh (Vaughan) Jaimes**, **Jill (Primo) Kearney**, **Amy (Cahill) Lee**, **Marianne (Crescenzi) Balfour**, and **Jen Ricupero** (wife of **Tony Ricupero**) met in DC for a weekend. They left a total of 19 kids at home with their dads and had a great time catching up. • **Abby and Gene McNinch** had a baby girl, **Madison Blair**, who joins sisters **Hailey (6)** and **Ainsley (4)**. They live on Maryland's Eastern Shore, where Gene operates his own dental practice. • **Rick and Whitney Wells DiBella** welcomed their son, **Peter Wells DiBella**, on September 28, 2007. They live in Alexandria, VA. • **Kristen Kreuder** is an associate general counsel at **MXenergy** in Stamford, CT. Kristen resides in Westport, after having lived in New York City for nine years. She recently visited **Tara**

Adyanthaya and **Dyan Pelosi** in Atlanta and is in touch with **Meredith Concannon** and **Evemarie Eyde**. • **Tim Muldoon** has published another book, titled *Seeds of Hope: Young Adults and the Catholic Church in the United States*. • In February, owner **Karen (Foule) Tortorici** expanded 1-2-3 Little Me! to a 2,500-square-foot indoor play-place at 112 Parker St. in Newburyport. 1-2-3 Little Me! offers open play, drop-off child care, toddler drop-off, birthday parties, and classes. • **Lisa Noller** received a Department of Justice award last year for a huge money laundering case she tried. She was promoted to deputy chief at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Chicago, where she has been an assistant U.S. attorney for seven years, focusing on prosecuting white-collar crimes. In October, she became engaged to **Tyler Murray**, an alum of the University of Dayton and Notre Dame Law School. The latter was almost a deal breaker, but since he had access to ND-BC tickets, she let it slide. They're planning to be married in Chicago in August. Last year Lisa qualified for and ran the Boston and the Twin Cities marathons. When **Fr. TJ Martinez** was ordained a Jesuit in a ceremony this past year in New Orleans, Lisa along with **Kevin Duggan**, **Gail Balcerzak**, and **Ann (Fralick)** and **Tony Fuell** were there for a weekend of celebration. TJ will preside at Lisa's wedding ceremony. • **George Voegelé** is now a member of the law firm **Cozen O'Connor** in Philadelphia, where he specializes in labor and employment litigation and counseling. He and wife **Jane** reside in **Bryn Mawr** and have two children, **George Daniel (5)** and **Catherine (3)**. George attended the BC-Florida State football game last fall along with **Daniel Ferrin**, **Thomas Nolan**, **Fritz Sanzone MBA'03**, **Chris Ryan**, **Kevin Silen**, **Josh Herbert**, **Peter Joel**, and **Steve Souza**.

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Paula (Bonato) Flower has taught middle school special education for 13 years in Brewster, NY. She and her husband, **Greg**, have three children: **Quintin (5)**, **Griffin (3)**, and **Dellaney (1)**. • **Diane (Brooks) Grotberg** and her husband live in rural Minnesota with **David (10)**, **Mary (7)**, **Elizabeth (5)**, **Thomas (4)**, **Sarah (2)**, and **Alexandra Grace**, born July 5, 2007. Diane is busy

homeschooling her children. • Jerome J. Dano was promoted to partner at Thacher Proffitt & Wood LLP in New York City. He has been with Thacher since 1998, specializing in commercial real estate finance. He married Stacey, an executive with the Estée Lauder Companies, in August 2006. Classmates Rich Ferson, John Finn, and Michael Garnsey were in the wedding party and Kevin Ryan, Chris Clay, Greg Ray, Michael Nurzia, and Robert and Linda (Murphy) Pfischner also attended. The Danos welcomed daughter Mollie Margaret on November 15, 2007. • Kara Donohoe Scivetti has written with sad news. Robin Kramich Junker tragically lost her husband, Christopher, to brain cancer last September. Robin and her two young sons live in Vermont, where she is a minister at the Bethany United Church of Christ in Randolph. A college savings account has been established for her boys. To contribute, please contact Lori Kramich, 2 Baldwin Lane, Lynnfield, MA 01940. Robin and her husband led a very modest lifestyle, dedicated to spirituality. • On July 3, 2007, Art and Cynthia K. Powers Broccoli welcomed son Maxwell David. Michael (3) loves being a big brother! Cynthia lives in Syracuse and telecommutes to Manhattan for Spencer Stuart & Associates. She is also a Vinyasa Flow yoga instructor and hopes to open a studio. • In January, Jennifer (Staniewicz) Debrosky joined Legg Mason as a competitive intelligence manager for US Product. She and husband Craig celebrated their fifth anniversary in September with children Alexandria (4) and Christopher (18 months). • Maeve O'Meara was married on December 8, 2007, to Tiago Ribeiro at their home in Miami. They honeymooned in Spain. Maeve's roommates Meghan McGrann, Molly (Kenah) Beams, Ellen Seo, and Jenn (Williams) Riley MBA/MSW'98 attended. Missing roommate Alison (McDonald) Link was home pregnant with twins, who were born on January 17. Tucker (4) and Griffin (2) were excited to meet little sisters Delaney and Teegan. • Last February Dave Wedge and his team from the *Boston Herald* received first place in the New England Press Association's 2007 Better Newspaper Contest. They won in the Right-to-Know category for a series they did on public employees' pay, "Your Tax Dollars at Work," the *Herald's* in-paper and online payroll report. • In June 2007, Boze and Kara Quirk Casten moved to Downers Grove, IL, with daughters Gwen (3) and Audrey (1). Kara received her MBA from Boston University in 2002 and has since

A STAND-UP GUY

Crunching numbers doesn't usually provide many opportunities to be funny. Maybe that's why Gary Gulman '93 left the accounting profession years ago. It all started at an open mike night at Nick's Comedy Stop in Boston. "It went okay for a first try," explains Gulman, "but I got hooked and began performing wherever I could." He soon switched to substitute teaching—often trying out his routines on his classes—while earning his comedic chops on the New England club circuit.

Gulman's observational humor (covering topics like sports, family life, and junk food) began to give him some notoriety, and he was invited to perform at Montreal's Just For Laughs Festival in 1999. Appearances on *The Tonight Show* and the *Late Show with David Letterman* followed, and in 2004 he was a finalist on NBC's *Last Comic Standing*.

Gulman continues to perform nationally and this summer will host *NESN's Comedy All-Stars*, a stand-up comedy show on the New England Sports Network.



Gulman's observational humor has made him popular in comedy clubs nationwide and has led to numerous late-night TV appearances.

Below, the funnyman tries to keep himself in check:

WHAT IS THE MOST SATISFYING MOMENT IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL LIFE?

My first appearance on *The Tonight Show* in October 1999.

IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE?

Getting my driver's license in high school. I had a girlfriend, and it was great not having my mom drive us around.

WHAT IS YOUR NEXT GOAL?

I used to set goals, but they often didn't work out. Now, I just try to work very hard and to be open to new things that come along.

WHAT WAS THE LAST BOOK YOU READ?

Daddy's Boy by Chris Elliott.

WHAT IS YOUR BEST BC MEMORY?

Senior Week.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON IN LIFE?

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

WHAT DO YOU LOOK FORWARD TO EACH DAY?

Breakfast. I love it. Ninety-five percent of the time, I have Kashi cereal. I try to eat healthy.

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOUR LIFE THE MOST?

Dr. Tom McGinnis, who was a friend and mentor I met through the BC football program. *Gulman played one year on the BC football team as a tight end and offensive lineman.*

HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED SINCE GRADUATION?

I'm decidedly sexier.

WHAT IS THE LATEST SONG ON YOUR IPOD?

"Masters of War" by Bob Dylan.

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been working as an independent marketing research and strategy consultant. • Wayne and Alisa Caruso-Fitzgerald, Zachary (8), and Andrew (4) live in Boxford. Alisa is a vice president and senior municipal trader for Standish Mellon Asset Management. • Matt and Alyson Nixon Bracken live in West Roxbury. Alyson is getting a physician assistant master's degree from Stony Brook University and plans to find a job in the Boston area after graduation this June. • Still an active duty nurse in the Navy, after returning from another deployment to the Persian Gulf, Susan Malione started graduate school full-time. After receiving her MBA from Regent University this May, she will be assigned to the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth to run the Education & Training Department for the Operating Room and Surgical Services departments. • I look forward to seeing you at our 15th year reunion at the end of this month!

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Hello. I was so overwhelmed with notes this time that I couldn't include everything due to space limitations—my apologies. I'll include other items next time. • I'm happy to start with news that my husband, Dana Colarulli '95, and I welcomed our daughter, Ailinn, in February. • George and Maria Perunic Djurasovic and Christopher (2) welcomed twins Luke and Sasha in May. They live in Port Washington, NY, where Maria taught before taking leave to raise kids. • Chris, MBA'00, and Kristina (Torrise) Greco of Ponte Verde, FL, had their fourth baby boy, Luke Brian, in January. • Alex Houston married Anne Marie in October. Fellow Gonzaga-mate Nick Irons was in the wedding. Alex is a filmmaker and is producing *Swim Lessons* about Nick's 1997 swim down the Mississippi River to benefit multiple sclerosis research (trailer on YouTube). • Aimee Grmoljez Shanight reports that BC ladies (now moms) still like to kick it up BC-style, which she, Katie Dutch Martin, Michelle Ascrizzi Coviello, Maribeth Bambino Chitkara, Jen Caferro Perri, and Leslie Everingham Burton recently did in Las Vegas. • Don Pashayan transferred from the U.S. Attorney's Office in Jacksonville, FL, to Columbus, OH, to be closer to family. Don recently saw Chris and

Kris Greco, Eugene Signorini MBA'01, and Craig Castiglia at the ACC Championship game in Jacksonville. • Karen (Lim) Kane married Peter Kane, both psychologists at Northwestern, in Chicago in September 2006. Present were Carolyn Logan, Cheryl Mastrogiovanni, Michael '96 and Alison (Hunter) Donahue, and Andy and Amie (Joyce) Palmieri. • Jenny Crawford is an active duty Army judge advocate and was promoted to major last April. In May, Jenny and her husband welcomed their second child, Charlie, who joins Abigail (2). Jenny and her family are currently stationed at Fort Leav-

Filmmaker Alex Houston is producing *Swim Lessons* about Nick Irons's 1997 swim down the Mississippi River to benefit MS research.

enworth, KS, but will move to Fort Bragg, NC, in June to join the 18th Airborne Corps. • Meghan and Michael McDonough, MBA'98, announce the birth of Kathleen Shean in August in Amsterdam, where Mike and Meghan had been living before their recent move to London. • Meredith Hickory and Jeff Bertram welcomed Lucy Meri on August 30. • Adam Chase was named president and COO of Chase Corporation, a manufacturer of tapes, laminates, sealants, and coatings based in Bridgewater. • Maribeth (Bambino) Chitkara started a foundation, in honor of a sister who passed away from melanoma, to increase sun safety and help find a cure. Their yearly fundraiser is the Melissa Fund SUN RUN (www.melissafund.org) in New York City in May.

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Congratulations and well wishes go out to John Correia and Chesley Stetten, who were married on April 7, 2007, in Wilmington, NC. The ceremony was held at St. John's Episcopal Church, followed by a reception at Airlie Gardens. The couple honeymooned in Turks and Caicos and now reside on Manhattan's Upper East Side. Classmates Jay Nilan and Daniel Malooly attended the wedding. • Anne Marie S. Rath has been taking classes toward a master's in library and information science, with the intention to manage projects from her home office or

work in a library. Anne and her husband, Michael Feldtz, celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary last summer. They met in Cleveland, where Anne was a director with JVC. The couple moved to Easton, CT, last fall. • Blessings and congratulations go out to Michael Rodman and Ayako Eguchi, who welcomed their second child, a baby boy, Yuta, on January 4, 2008. • Kimberley (McCarty) McMahon continues to work as first assistant city solicitor for the City of Lowell. She enjoys living in Lowell with her husband, Brenden, and daughters Katherine (5) and Ellen (1). Last fall they enjoyed a

mini-tailgate celebration at their home during the BC-Notre Dame game with classmates Maureen (Grealish) White, MBA'02, and Maura (Winson) Mann and their families. • John J. Gregorio is a founding partner of Teacher Retirement Solutions, LLC (TRS). Formed to provide guidance and solutions to teachers, educators, and administrators in the New England region, TRS is an independent financial planning firm. John continues to provide service to and work with clients other than teachers, educators, and administrators through Capital Management Partners. • Congratulations to Kevin Williams and his wife, Kate, who are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Clara Grace, on January 20, 2007, in Boston. • Thanks to everyone who e-mailed me! In addition to all the updates, I've heard from Elissa Austria, Geraldine (Bourquard) McGowan, Sergio Munda, Jennifer Burkart, Luke O'Connell, and David V. DeRosa. Since my last class notes deadline, Sean Kelly, Mary (Libonate) Doyle, Jennifer Phillips, Alison (Peer) Forelli, and Jennifer (Wall) Shelby have submitted updates via the BC Alumni Online Community. I've included as many updates here as space allows, and I'll post these and others online at www.bc.edu/alumni/association/community.html. • *Ad maiorem Dei gloriam!*

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All baby news, all the time: My good friends Jim and Mariessa (Longo) Theodorou welcomed their first child, Christopher James, on July 1, 2007. The Theodorous live in Franklin. • Tracey (Gilroy) and husband Chris Giglia have grown "the Giglia clan to five" with the addition of daughter Katrina Grace in October. Tracey writes, "Katie will have her work cut out for her with John Ryan and Thomas as big, overprotective brothers, but I think she'll be fine. Considering she was just shy of 10 pounds at birth, she might be the biggest of the bunch!" • Dawn (O'Brien) Wladyka, JD'99, writes that she and her husband, Tony '98, had their third child, Reagan Erin, on November 10. She joins big sister Faith (3) and big brother AJ (2). Dawn is an assistant district attorney in Nassau County, NY. • Charlene and Brian Sullivan had a baby girl, Nora, in May 2007. • Also in May, Jenna Madden had a third boy, Timothy. She and Dave now live in East Greenwich, RI. • Jessie Saul had a baby girl, Ellie, recently. She and her husband, Paul, live in Faribault, MN. • Kris (Lamarre) Cambra writes that she and husband Shawn had a baby boy in November 2006. Truman was named by his big sister, London (6), who loves doting on her baby brother. She is in kindergarten. Kris is a writer for the magazine affiliated with Brown University's medical school. She is also pursuing a master's in writing. • Tony and Maureen (Miller) Mullin are happy to announce the arrival of their second daughter, Maggie, born on December 27, 2007. Their older daughter, Katie (4), is a great big sister and loves helping out, Maureen writes. • Finally, my old roommate Tom Gallagher and his wife, Bug, are excited to report that their daughter, Peyton MacNeal Gallagher, joined her big sister, Reilly (4), on October 26, 2007. The family lives in Norfolk, VA, where Tom is a doctor serving in the U.S. Navy.

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Dan '93 and Jenn (Fay) Laieta announce the birth of their first child, Daniel Patrick, on September 6, 2007. Jenn works part-time as a clinical psychologist in private practice. The Laietas reside in Wading River, NY. • Sue (Bonasia) and Matthew J. Peabody

are now parents of twins Jill and Thomas (1). Sue is a nurse at Beth Israel, and Matthew works at State Street in Boston. They live in Needham. • Lisa (Lopez) and Steve Trifiletti had their first daughter, Kaitlyn Lee, on August 1. • Holly Porter Little gave birth to her second daughter, Piper Ann, on August 10; Piper joins big sister Paige (2). Holly is home taking care of her girls and also mentors high-school girls and does some coaching. Her husband, Dave, is still working at Crossroads, a "mega church" in Cincinnati, where he leads the kid's ministry. • Kevin and Aileen (Simitis) Breen had a son, William Richard, on August 30; he joins big brother Timmy (2). • Greg Kirby married Aubyn Nicholson in Devon, PA, last May. The wedding party included his brother Andrew Kirby, Steve McAleer, Mark Dolat MBA'05, Pete Foley

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MBA'05, Mike Lawlor, and Liz Kirby '05. Other '97ers in attendance were Sarah (Johnson) McAleer, Charlotte Ostberg McAleer M.Ed.'98, Lauren Foley, Brian Dingman, Mike Kovacs, Beth Sampson M.Ed.'99, Jeff Gibbons, and Tristan Love Jordan. The couple honeymooned on St. Barts. • April Young, JD'01, married Shawn Wilmar on August 5, 2000. BC grads in the wedding party included Beth (Armstrong) Butler '96, Tamatha (Baker) Bibbo M.Ed.'99, Christopher Juan '98, and Timothy Philbin '88. April and Shawn have two sons: John Thomas, born on August 17, 2004, and Ryan Joseph, born on May 25, 2007. April practices commercial real estate law with Bernkopf Goodman LLP. • Maj. Richard Corner II is stationed at Fort Devens, where he serves as the deputy command retention officer. Rich and his wife, Nicole, are the proud parents of twins, William and Ava, born on December 15, 2007. According to Rich, they will be members of the BC Class of 2020! • Kim (Field) Hawks and husband Kurt '98 welcomed their first baby, Lila Elizabeth, on January 29, 2007. Kim is working part-time as an independent business consultant to small businesses in the health and wellness industry, and Kurt is currently vice president of operations for Greystripe, a start-up that distributes ad-supported mobile games and applications. Kim and Kurt reside in San Francisco. • Erin (Schrader) Moran and her husband,

Tim, welcomed their first child, Timothy Daniel, on November 15, 2007. • Thanks to all of you for sharing your updates.



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After five years of prayer and study in the seminary, Brian O'Brien was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Tulsa on May 26, 2007. He will serve as associate pastor of Christ the King in Tulsa and as chaplain at Bishop Kelley High School, where he taught for four years before he went into the seminary. • Paul J. Dominski married

Kerry Buske in Syracuse, NY, on May 5, 2007. Richard Madigan; Brian Donahue; Mark Midura; Andrew Leeds MBA'04; Sean Thompson '01; Amy Culver '02, JD'05; and Mary Mulhearn '99 attended. Kerry and Paul, who are both attorneys, live and work in New York City. • Greg Stepka was married in St. Petersburg, FL, to Joanna, a graduate of the University of Florida—Gainesville. Greg graduated from the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey in 2003, and since 2004 has been practicing dentistry in North Smithfield, RI, where the couple live. Michael D'Occhio was a groomsman in their wedding. Others in attendance were Paul Crisalli, William Coakley, Joseph Ciolino, Guido and Mary Jacques, and Patrick and Stephanie Gagnon. • On June 2, 2007, Kara Visconti and Frank Blanco tied the knot. The ceremony took place at St. Ignatius Loyola in Manhattan with a reception at the Rainbow Room. BC alumni in the bridal party included Alexandra Huntley Shea, Kristen (McMahon) Wright M.Ed.'99, Jim Collins, Kevin Crow, Dominic Dell'Osso, Antonio Iantosca, and Christopher Mabardy. Other alumni in attendance were Laura Armstrong, John Baldi, Sarah Cue, Nicole (Kopeck) Dell'Osso, Gerard Feeney, Vince MS'07 and Kathryn (Clough) Lorusso, Sarah (Roth) Mabardy, Trish Moroney, Eileen (Cooney) Oroszlany, Alan and Kristin (Karam) Pisano, and Jill Powell. Kara and

Frank honeymooned in Thailand and currently reside on Manhattan's Upper East Side. • **William Guaraldi** was married on May 26, 2007, in Marblehead. The couple honeymooned on Cape Cod and now reside in Somerville. Will took his wife's name and is now William Kahn-Greene. They wrote a children's book, which was released under a creative commons license and is available on Lulu (<http://stores.lulu.com/wands/>). Also last May, Will earned an MA from Northeastern University's College of Computer and Information Science. He is now working as a software engineer for the Participatory Culture Foundation. • **Oiyan "Anita" Poon** was recently elected president of the University of California Student Association and will advocate for equity and affordability for all 214,000-plus UC students, meeting with the governor's office, elected legislators, and the board of regents on a regular basis. She is also chairing the systemwide student advisory committee for the appointment of the next president of the University of California. She just passed the qualifying exams for her Ph.D. and plans to graduate from UCLA in 2009. • **Andrew, MS'99**, and **Connie-Lynn (Tessitore) Krauza** welcomed their third son, Andrew James, on June 26, 2007. He joined his older brothers Joseph (5) and Matthew (2). • On June 21, 2007, **Laurie (Townsend) Jankowski** and her husband, Marcin, welcomed their first child, Connor Andrew. • **Erin Kelly** married Charles Flynn '97 on July 28, 2007. In attendance were **Katie (Regan) Kane**, **Amanda (Skeith) Murphy**, **Elena (Manzelli) DeAngelis MSW'02**, **Jennifer (White) DeLucia**, **Lisa (Garvey) Harrison '97**, **Maura (Kelly) Lannan '93** (Erin's sister and matron of honor), **Daphne (MacDonald) Donahue '90**, **Susan Keane O'Donnell '85**, **Dan '77** and **Maryalice (Rooke) Ryan '77**, **Marilyn Cronan Flynn '64** (Charles's mother), and **Margaret Cronan '66**. Erin is working as an intensive care nurse in New Haven, CT, and is studying at Fairfield University to become a nurse practitioner; Charles is teaching high-school history in Fairfield and is in real estate on the side.

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I hope you are enjoying your summer. It has been great to hear from everyone.

Please keep the updates coming. • **Karen Blanton** was married in September 2007 to John Brust in Brownsville, TX, and was attended by **Joelle Geisler**. Karen was chief resident in internal medicine at Scott & White Hospital in Temple, TX, and has now entered a fellowship program in infectious disease. • **Kathleen O'Brien** married Peter Foley on January 5, 2008, in Bozeman, MT. BC alumni in attendance were **Patrick and Jodie (Moule) Neville**, **Peter Andrews**, and **Melissa Costigan**. • **Shannon, M.Ed.'00**, and **Matt Stautberg** welcomed their second child, Tierney Elizabeth, on December 19. • **Krissy Frazao** lives in San Diego and is a reporter for NBC 7/39. She recently completed the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon in Phoenix. • **Wade and Megan Cellitti Brown** welcomed Christopher Amato on January 16, 2008;

Oiyan "Anita" Poon was recently elected president of the University of California Student Association.

he joins big sister Anna Mary Ellen. • On December 26, 2007, **David and Maureen (Cronin) Hughes** welcomed their second daughter, Emily, who joins her big sister, Molly Elizabeth. • **David '98** and **Jessie (Hoffhine) Angus** welcomed their second child, Lauren, on September 21, 2007. She joins her brother, David, who was born on July 19, 2005. • **Ryan Driscoll, JD'02**, married Reagan Barrett '02 on August 11, 2007, in Dartmouth. Members of the Class of '99 in attendance included **Jonathan Richard**, **Dan Finkle**, **Eric Nelson**, **Mike and Patty (Schoenhaus) Maurer**, **Eric Turner**, **Christian Amundsen**, **Kate Duggan**, **Leah (Belazarian) Bouchard**, **Sebastian Milardo**, **Patrick Jennings**, and **Mark DiMartino**. • **David and Judy DiFonso McIntyre** welcomed their first child, Patrick, in early September. • **Matt and Megan (Keddy) Davison** welcomed their first child, Grace, on July 23, 2007. • **Meredith (Simon)'01** and **David Campbell** welcomed a daughter, Amy, on January 29, 2008. • **Jim and Robin (Puccio) Horrigan** welcomed their second child, Maegan, on July 19, 2007. She joins her big brother, Ryan. • **Shane and Liz Nolan Foley** are living in Bangalore, India, where Shane works for PWC. They will be in Bangalore until December 2008. • Lastly, by accident I left out of the last issue that **Hilary (Graham) LaFoley** was one of **Jill (Randall) Keith's** bridesmaids... Sorry, Hil. • I hope to hear from more of you soon.

2000

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Happy spring, Class of 2000! • In March 2007, **MaryKate Hanlon Hughes** was selected as a 2006 Milken Family Foundation National Educator of the Year, a prestigious award given to approximately 80 educators annually. Kate was nominated for her work as a founding member and master teacher at DC Prep, a public charter school in northeast Washington DC. Kate also was one of two teachers to testify before the U.S. House of Representatives as part of the No Child Left Behind Act reauthorization in September. She was featured on a panel discussing

teacher quality issues at a hearing of the House Education Committee. • On January 27, **Nadia Lehmejian** completed her sixth marathon in 10 years, the Miami Marathon. Nadia finished in 3 hours, 38 minutes, beating her target by 2 minutes. • **Susan Borst** joined the Krill Co. as business development and marketing manager. Susan has more than eight years of experience in professional services and consumer marketing. • **Ethan Hansen** married Alexis Reiner in St. John, USVI. Ethan is a doctor in his fourth year of residency in radiology in New York. • **Matt Parisi** and **Christina Morais** were married on September 1 in Gloucester. • On September 8, **Joanne Domingo** and **Carl Lesaca** were married in East Brunswick, NJ. They reside in New York City. • Also on September 8, **Robin Ure** and **Jeff Pickett** were married in Pacific Palisades, CA. Robin works for a hedge fund in Santa Monica, where she and Jeff live. • **James M. Maher** married **Kristina Konnath, MSW'01**, on September 15. Jim and Kristina honeymooned in Hawaii and now live in Medford. • **Dan Thomason** married **Brooke Schepman '06** on November 3 in Los Angeles. Dan works with Merrill Lynch in Century City, CA, as an analyst with the private banking and investment group. The couple live in Playa del Rey. • On November 17, **Ryan Robson** married **Melissa Urbani** in Chicago. Ryan is a partner at Deloitte & Touche. The couple reside in Chicago. • **Jennifer and Mark Sieczkowski** welcomed their second child, Sophia, on July 26. She joins

her brother Jake (2). They reside in Needham. • Erin '01 and **Jared Leland** and their daughter Kate welcomed Caroline McGraw on December 12. The family resides in Pittsburgh. • Brian and Elizabeth **Garratt Hayden** are proud to announce the birth of Carter Joseph on December 30 in Beverly Hills. The family lives in Santa Monica. • Thank you for sharing your exciting news with everyone!

2001

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Spring has sprung, Class of 2001. We have lots of happy news to share—babies, babies, babies. We have some little Eagles newly arrived! David '99 and **Meredith (Simon) Campbell** welcomed a daughter, Amy Olivia, on January 29. • **Morgan and Danielle (Smyth) Stiles** had a baby boy, Dylan Michael, on February 12 in New York City. He is doing great and already looking forward to his first football game in the fall! • John and **Meghan (Burk) Stacey** welcomed daughter Isabelle Allison on December 17, 2007. • **Sylvie (Potookian) Papazian** sends news of the birth of son Christopher in June 2007. Sylvie married Greg Papazian in 2004. After 10 years in banking, she is now working at Harvard part-time, focusing on her family and doing some writing. • Elizabeth Miriam Lowney was born on All Saints' Day, November 1, 2007. She is the daughter of **Timothy and Rebecca (Carbeau) Lowney**, who were married on August 20, 2005, at St. Ignatius of Loyola Church at BC. In attendance were many BC alumni, including classmates **Christine (Bouvet) van der Kieft**, **Julie (Rianna) Romano** M.Ed.'02, **Julie Barrera**, **Christina (Price) Brown**, **Westyn Hinchey**, **Alyson Adams**, **Merideth (Faust) Moore**, **Robert and Heidi (Falkenberg) Naumes**, **John Hwang**, **Mike Martinelli**, **Marc De Saint Maurice**, and **Brian Griffin**. They reside outside of Philadelphia. Tim attends medical school at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, and Rebecca attends graduate school at St. Joseph's University. • **Michael Shekane** writes to let us know that **Ryan Aylward** and **Alerica Lattanzio** tied the knot. Their beautiful ceremony and reception was held on November 3, 2007, at Battery Gardens in New York City. They reside in Brighton. BC '01 alumni in attendance were **Michael Shekane**, **Andrew MacIntosh**, **David Freda**,

Tony Pepper, **Karen Adams**, and **Marcelo and Abigail (Garofalo) Serafini**. • **Mary Glynn (Toomey) Cullinan** married Thomas Kevin Cullinan Jr. '03 in Delray Beach, FL, on May 19, 2007. Fr. Donald MacMillan, SJ, '66, MA'72, performed the ceremony. Many Boston College graduates attended the wedding, including bridesmaids **Meghan Crowley Thompson** '02 and **Joan Cullinan** '06 and groomsmen **Edward W. Toomey Jr.** '95. The couple reside in Boynton Beach. Mary Glynn is the president of MGT Electronics LLC, and Tom is a sales representative for Brandel-Stephens in Boca Raton.

2002

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Colin Gwin married **Jennie Graves** on June 16, 2007, at the Church of Our Saviour in Charlottesville, VA. The wedding party included best man **Richard Ridge** and usher **Noah Kuhn**. Guests included **Tom Sullivan**, **Ryan Fandetti**, **Wes George**, **Adam Gottsch**, **Glorimar Reuter**, **Jay Tini**, and **Celeste Sedo**. The reception included an Eighties tribute band. **Jennie and Colin** live in Arlington, VA, and **Colin** works at the U.S. Department of State. • **Conor Mulcahy**, JD'05, and **Christine Cordek** were married on July 7 at Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Hoboken, NJ. The wedding party included **Kaitlin Mulcahy** '99, MA'02; **Charles Wilson**; **Megan (Callahan) Kely**; and **Tiffany Anzalone**. Wedding guests included **Jacquie Brogan** '90, **George Leuchs** '99, **Jeannine (McGregor) Ryan** '00, **Chris Serico** '00, **Brian Sheehan** '00, **Juliana Tarris** '01, **Nicole Estvanik** '01, **Katie (Rowan) Giannisis** '01, **Kim Anderson**, **Bridget Kely**, **Liz Klaes**, **Rachel Sabella**, **Sean Griffin**, **Karen Kegel**, **Meredith (McLaughlin) Wilson** '03, **Kate Reuter** '04, and **Sandy Christopher** JD'05. • **Shauna Murray**, M.Ed.'04, married **Rory Pfeiffer** (MIT '00 and Suffolk University Law School '05) on November 3 at Navy Pier in Chicago. BC attendees included **Courtney Chapman**, **Laura (Callahan) de Leon**, **Melissa (Calvo)** and **Rob Fogerty**, **Christine Mahoney**, and **Amanda Roy**. **Shauna** is a high-school English teacher, and **Rory** is an attorney at Nutter McClennen & Fish. The couple reside in Davis Square, Somerville. • **Meghan Bissett** married **Brian Gavaghan** on August 4, 2007, at St. Magdalen's Church in Flemington, NJ. The wedding

party included **Liz Borge** (maid of honor), **Kate O'Dea**, **Julie (Linnehan) Lord**, and **Kevin Gavaghan** '07 (best man). Wedding guests included **Erin (Raughley) Fletcher**, **Heather Milkiewicz**, **Mike and Meghan (Jenkins) Shehorn**, and **Brian Gray** '01. **Meghan** is currently pursuing a master's in public health at Boston University. • **Katrina Giordano** was married to **Matthew Knights** on July 28, 2007, at the First Congregational Church in Boylston. **Kristin (Kutch) Bergeron** served as matron of honor. Other BC alumni in attendance were **Greg Desista**; **Mike Baker**; **Tanya Villalobos**; **Dana Walczak**; **Jenny McCarthy** '01, M.Ed.'02; **Katie Murphy** '01; **Kayleen Baur** '01; and **Paul Aswad** '87. The couple honeymooned in Paris and Nice and now reside in Natick.



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Amy Fierman married **John Moore** on August 25, 2007, at the Shenorock Shore Club in Rye, NY. Eagles attending included **Mieke Fuchs**, **Jackie Coulomb**, **Nadine Palermo**, **Sara (Luddy) Mullins**, **Melissa Mariasch**, **Sara Rosen**, **Jon Almonte**, **Kristin Arabasz**, **Anthony Catalfamo**, **Chris Bodnar**, **Peter Zeinoun**, **Ryan Guthrie**, **Dan Last** M.Ed.'06, **Erin Harper** MA'06, **Alejandro Rojas**, and **Jon Gemus**. • **Leo Bell** and **Ellen Kuchuris** were married on September 29, 2007, at Sts. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church in Glenview, IL. A reception followed at the InterContinental hotel in downtown Chicago. The bridal party included **Chris Conlon** (best man) and **Anna Edwards**. Classmates in attendance included **Brian Degnan**, **Kevin Swatt** MS'04, **Jessica Engel**, **Kerry Purcell**, **Maggie Skrypek**, **Anisha Fernando**, **Annalisa Townsend**, **Anthony Bucchere**, **Larry Griffin**, **Peter Bratney**, and **Scott Feeney**. The couple honeymooned in France and Italy before returning home to Chicago. • **Amanda Gibbons**, M.Ed.'04, married **Michael Minerva** on August 31, 2007. The bridal party included **Sophie Lehar**, **Megan Reilly**, **Rebekka Grater**, and **Olga Kleinman** MS'04. • **Tate**, MS'04, and **Andrea (Berardino) Bevis** were married on September 1, 2007, by Fr. Jeffrey von Arx, SJ, at St. Michael's church in Greenwich, CT. The bridal party included **Jon Hyde**, **Matthew Safaii** '02, and **Lauren Deluca**. Other Eagles in atten-

dance included Tamar Salter, Sarah Cavan, Meghan Greenberg, Whitney Lee, Emily Anderson, Julie Quinn, Alexa Matson, Ryan Fox '04, Chris Savino, Pete Vilkins, Chris Black, Krys Kolanos, Jake Yost, Bryan Albano, Gary Tripmacher '02, Jim Sullivan, Peter Manley '00, and David Safai '99. The couple honeymooned in Zihuatanejo, Mexico, and Vail, CO. They now reside in Boston, where Tate is a private equity associate for JMH Capital, and Andrea is a manager at RCL Advisors. • **Frank Mazzacano** and **Meghan Brennan** were married on February 25 in Chandler, AZ. The best man was Erik Shaughnessy, and the maid of honor was Rebecca Gilman. In attendance were Bobby Reed, Jon Pearlin, Evan McCarthy, Kendall McLane, Pratik Patel, Beth Bowers, Rob Caldwell, Edward Gray, Akshay Sarma, Tim Kearns, Darren Perconte, Eric Thidemann, Kevin Sprague, Claire Julian, Lisa Mokaba, and Leah Murphy. • **Camille Townsend** graduated in 2006 from the University of Wisconsin Law School, where she received the Bruce F. Beilfuss Memorial Award. She now resides in Los Angeles and practices at Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP. • **Peter Bratner** married **Stephanie Moore** (St. Olaf '03) in Okoboji, IA, on September 1. Groomsmen included **Samuel Shepard** and **Chris Bean** '02. Eagles attending included **Erin Peterson**, **Tom Pelissero**, **Larry Griffin**, **Trip Ross**, **Patrick Murphy**, **Jon Giftos**, and **Ross Parke**. Peter and Stephanie reside in Des Moines, where Peter is an attorney with Brick Gentry, PC. • **Brian and Megan (Vitali) Mele** were married on September 22, 2007, in St. Joseph Church in Meriden, CT. They reside in Southington, CT. **Karen Stamm** was a bridesmaid. BC alumni in attendance included **Nick Genevish**, **Matt Szwarc**, **Kathy Grabenstatter** '04, **Sobia Khaliq**, **Grace Hsu**, **Diana (DiBacco)** and **John Doroghazi**, **Katy Fritz**, **Amanda Ordysk**, **Nick Zangre** MA'04, **Miguel Teixeira**, and **Justin Westcott**. • **Olivia Nichols Clark** was married on September 8 to **James Cluen Dolce II**. Rev. Randy Dales performed the ceremony at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Wolfeboro, NH. A reception followed at Bald Peak Colony Club in Melvin Village. The couple honeymooned in Bermuda before returning home to Rye. • **Molly (Dealy) Maymar** recently received national attention for two bilingual educational games she designed and illustrated for mobile devices. The games were featured at a trade show by technical evangelist Robert Scoble in his podcast, "The Scoble Show." View Molly's work at www.subseia.com.

2004

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Ryan Pontier and **Christine Hughes** '03 were married on December 31, 2007, at the Church by the Sea in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Ringing in the new year with the couple were maid of honor **Jennifer Curcio**, **David Della Penna**, **Christopher Lindahl**, **Stephen Cromack**, **Kara Gallagher** '06, **Denise Carlon**, **Katy Fritz** '03, and **Michael Anastario**, '03, Ph.D.'07. Christine and Ryan are grateful to their alma mater for their serendipitous meeting during Senior Week 2004! They honeymooned in St. Lucia and now reside in Coconut Grove, where Christine is earning a Ph.D. in psychology at the University of Miami, and Ryan is the dean of students for Breakthrough Miami.

2005

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Todd Ching recently joined the team at Corporate Accountability International as an administrator. A political science and history double major, he previously worked at the Youth Advocacy Project, an initiative of the Massachusetts Public Defender's Office. • **Courtney Baker** recently joined WKAG TV in Hopkinsville, KY, as a reporter and on-air personality. She currently anchors Newswatch Clarksville, serving nearby Clarksville, TN. Prior to joining WKAG, she was the news director for WBCB 1490 in Bucks County, PA.

2006

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Casey Bayer has completed her graduate studies in photojournalism at Boston University and is now the Webphoto editor and producer for the *Christian Science Monitor*. Casey is currently living in the North End and was training to run the Boston Marathon in April. • **Robert Dawson** is a Peace Corps

volunteer in Panama working in the sector of community economic development. He was sworn in during October 2007 and will continue his mission until October 2009. He is working with a savings and loan cooperative and helping a local artisan with his business. He will teach a Junior Achievement class when school starts again in March. • **Jeff Cook**, MS'07, and **Kate Patten** were married on January 19 at St. Patrick's Church in West Palm Beach, FL. Classmates in the wedding party included **Carolyn Kron**, **Katie Loftus**, **Melanie Nesse** MS'07, **Brook Ott**, **Dennis Burke**, **Owen Clancey**, **Kyle Meingast**, and **Trevor Wahlbrink** MS'07. We wish the Cooks many years of happiness. • **Katherine Flaherty** is pleased to announce her engagement to **Adam Florek** this past December. Congratulations to them both.

2007

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Tanesha Wright was recently promoted to staff assistant at the Boston College Alumni Association in Newton. • **Owen Sullivan** is working at Grand Circle Travel in Boston in the marketing production division. • **Sara Milliken** is working as a postpartum nurse at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. In January she became an aunt to niece Finley.

CARROLL SCHOOL

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Jordan Alexiev, MBA'03, recently was promoted to vice president and head of currency management research and development at State Street Global Advisors. • **John T. Crowe**, MBA'78, has been named president of Saint-Gobain Abrasives, a Worcester-based post. In this position, he oversees 75 manufacturing plants in 24 countries. • **Frank Damelio**, MBA'93, is president of Target Intellect, a training company focusing on sales, presentation, and persuasion skills. • **David Giunta**, MBA'91, has been named by Natixis Global Asset Management president and CEO of Natixis Global Associates, its U.S. distribution organization. • **Sean P. Kelly**, MBA'95, was appointed head of defined contribution and sub-advised

distribution at Eaton Vance Distributors, Inc. Sean joined Eaton Vance from Evergreen Investments, where he served as senior vice president and managing director in the institutional asset management group. • **Jason Perillo**, MBA'05, was recently appointed executive director of Valley Emergency Medical Services. Jason, a certified public accountant, also serves as a Connecticut state representative from the 113th District. • **Ann M. Sherry** '85, MBA'93, was named senior vice president, customer care and relationship development, of Medway Co-operative Bank.

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Anne D. Bivins '71, MS'73, was recently appointed vice president of hospice at the VNA Care Network & Hospice, where she will be leading palliative care and hospice services in eastern and central Massachusetts. She also holds a master's in business administration from Suffolk University. Anne is a past president and board member of the Home Care Alliance of Massachusetts.

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Wayne Ambler, MA'78, Ph.D.'81, recently had his translation of *Xenophon: The Anabasis of Cyrus* published by Cornell University Press. It is a major contribution to the study of military and political history, and has already garnered considerable praise by scholars in the field. Further details about the book are available at www.cornellpress.cornell.edu/cup_detail.taf?ti_id=4794. • **Michael Foley**, Ph.D.'99, has edited a volume of essays and articles by former BC professor Fr. Ernest L. Fortin. The book, *Ever Ancient, Ever New*, is a compilation of Fortin's work on theology and its links to political philosophy and modern rights. • **Steve McElfresh**, MA'79, Ph.D.'82, was elected to the national board of directors of the Forensic Expert Witness Association. Steve is the founder of HR Futures, a human resource consultancy addressing the "people problems of growth" through training, coaching, organizational design, and workforce diagnostics. • **Nancy Brouillard McKenzie** NC'72 wrote to say

that **Sr. Gabrielle Husson**, RSCJ, MA'51, had a successful transition to Teresian House in January. Take a moment to send Sr. Husson a card to wish her the best. • **Brett Fulkerson-Smith**, MA'01, has been appointed Fay Horton Sawyer Fellow at Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. Brett is currently completing his Ph.D. in philosophy at the University of Kentucky. • **Lynne Spigelmire Viti**, Ph.D.'78, JD'84, is a senior lecturer in the writing program at Wellesley College.

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Mary McManus, MSW'84, has retired from social work to pursue her writing career. She is the founder of *New World Greeting Cards*, customized poetry for all occasions, and the author of *New World Greetings: Inspirational Poetry and Musings for a New World*, which is available at bookstores, online, and through her Website: www.newworldgreetings.com. • **Tracy Wilkes**, MSW'91, is executive director of the DREAMS Center, a free arts education program for underserved students in Wilmington, NC. The program was nationally recognized with the 2007 Coming Up Taller Award, presented by First Lady Laura Bush in Washington DC.

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Frank Rocco, M.Ed.'63, husband of **Joyce White Rocco**, M.Ed.'63, died on March 5 in Winona, MN, at age 69. He was a professor

at Winona State University in the Special Education Department until his retirement in May 2007. He served on the boards of the Dyslexia Institute of Minnesota, the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School Alumni Association, and Clarion University of Pennsylvania Alumni Association. Our prayers go out to his wife and three children and his brother. • **Suzanne Slater**, M.Ed.'06, became owner and director of Camp Diamond in Ontario in August 2007. The camp will run family programs and girls' sessions for the summer. • **Stephen A. Perla**, M.Ed.'96, is planning to leave his job as superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Worcester at the end of the academic year to head a new program at the University of Notre Dame that will assist parochial schools with a host of issues. Steve has run the Worcester diocesan schools since 2004 and was instrumental in the creation of the St. Paul Consortium, which is helping diocesan schools in Worcester County to pool resources. • **David Ryan**, M.Ed.'00, and a group of deans, superintendents, and principals have formed a consortium, the Collaborative Alliance Network, to address the low rate of minority participation in the teaching profession. The Metro Center at NYU and the Education Alliance at Brown University are the leading sponsors of the group.

WCAS

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John A. Donahue '65 wrote a very nice letter to me in January. As a student at BC, John won the Morgan Medal for the highest average in theology. He recently had his name engraved on the medal. John and his wife, Jane, married in 1962. They have 7 children, 20 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. At the present time, John is caring for Jane, who is very ill. John describes Jane as a gracious woman who has accepted her lot in life. He is able to give her Communion three times a week. • I met **Winifred Ryan** '55, MA'58, at Laetare Sunday. She has not been traveling in recent years because her mother is in a nursing home, where Winifred visits her on a regular basis. • **Irene Brannelly** '02 is planning to move to West Roxbury with her husband in April. They will be living in a condominium owned by their son. Good luck with the move, Irene!

OBITUARIES

1930S

Rev. Charles E. Anadore '34 of Boston on March 12, 2008.

Francis P. Assmus '38 of Dorchester on January 1, 2000.

Pauline Freeman Assmus '38, M.Ed.'41, of Dorchester on May 16, 2000.

Morris E. Blitz '37 of Creve Coeur, MO, on June 8, 2007. He is survived by two sons.

Rev. David M. Burke '37 of Boston on May 25, 2007. He was a pastor of Saint Pius X Church in Milton-Hyde Park.

Carl J. Caroselli '37 of Lake Forest, IL, on February 14, 2008. A World War II Marine Corps veteran, he worked in sales.

Richard F. Casey '39 of Southern Pines, NC, on September 18, 2007.

Yvette Coderre, PM, MA'35, of Methuen on November 6, 2003.

William T. Coffey '35 of Marshfield Hills, formerly of Medford, on January 27, 2008. He was a World War II Navy veteran.

Elizabeth S. Cooney, MSSW'38, of Foster, RI, on December 31, 1999.

Saul P. Davis '39 of Easton on March 23, 2008. He was a production and plant manager in the plastics and paper industries.

Stanley J. Driscoll '37 of Ormond Beach, FL, on February 23, 2007. He was a product manager at Gorham Silver Co.

Athanasia Drohan, CSJ, '38, M.Ed.'32, of Framingham on April 12, 2006.

Charles H. Duston '34 of Concord on February 21, 2008. He was a doctor at Emerson Hospital in Concord.

Rev. Justin A. Eeles, OFM, '35 of New York, NY, on September 24, 2000.

Catherine M. Foley, CSJ, '38 of Framingham on October 18, 2006. She was a Sister of St. Joseph of Boston for 78 years.

Joseph L. Greaney '33 of West Roxbury on July 17, 2002.

Mary Eugene Marshall, SSJ, '32, MA'34, of Holyoke on January 18, 1996.

John F. McCarty '39, JD'42, of East Greenwich, RI, on January 19, 2008. He was a lawyer for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Federal Trade Commission.

Margaret M. Noonan, M.Ed.'35, of Scituate on February 25, 2007.

James R. Powers '33, MA'34, of Dedham on February 7, 2008. He is a World War II Army veteran.

Alderic W. Richard '39 of Seekonk on March 1, 2008. He was a star on the BC football team and an employee of Narragansett Electric.

Francis B. Smith, JD'38, of Boston on December 23, 2007. A World War II Navy veteran, he was an attorney for the Veterans Administration.

Joseph Vaas '37 of Norwood on February 18, 2008.

1940S

Charles H. Brennan '49 of Hull on March 7, 2008. A World War II veteran, he was an accountant for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

Donald E. Brunelli Sr. '49, M.Ed.'54, of Malden on June 1, 1993.

James F. Cahill Jr. '47 of Salem on February 28, 2008. He was a Salem harbor master and a BC football player.

Rev. Thomas J. Casey, SJ, '49 of Kansas City, MO, on January 14, 2008.

Rev. Walter E. Casey '45, of Boston on February 21, 2008. He was an Army chaplain and also served in parishes in the Boston area.

M. Rosita Colman, OP, '42 of Cambridge on October 6, 2006.

William G. Conners, MSW'47, of Manchester, NH, on March 23, 2008.

Edward F. Cooley, JD'42, of San Diego, CA, on April 3, 1996.

Richard C. Dalton '49 of Hilton Head Island, SC, on December 2, 2007.

Angelo J. Fiumara '40, JD'43, of Needham on February 10, 2008. He was an attorney at the National Labor Relations Board.

Lester E. Gallagher '49 of Walpole on May 27, 2007. A World War II Navy veteran, he was a teacher and administrator in the Boston schools.

Mary Elizabeth Gately, SCH, MA'41, of Wellesley Hills on December 31, 2007. She was a Sister of Charity (Halifax) for 74 years.

Rev. William A. Granville '40 of Boston on December 29, 2007. A priest in the Archdiocese of Boston, he was also rector of Cardinal O'Connell Seminary.

Paul M. Hemberger, MS'48, of Cotuit on March 3, 2008. A World War II Navy veteran, he was a branch manager and industrial power consultant for Northeast Utilities.

Bernard S. Henken '43, of Melrose on February 11, 2008. He was a clinical psychologist for the Everett public schools.

Michael J. Holovak '43 of Ruskin, FL, on January 27, 2008. A coach for BC and the New England Patriots, he later worked with the Houston Oilers and the Tennessee Titans.

John F. Killory '47 of Brockton on November 2, 2007.

Jerome M. Leonard '49, JD'51, of Naples, FL, and Dover on January 19, 2008. He was a partner at Ropes & Gray.

Maurice V. Linehan '49 of Yorktown, VA, on February 18, 2008. He was a United Airlines employee and World War II Army veteran.

Rev. Gerard J. McGann '45 of Centerville on March 3, 2008. He was a priest in the Archdiocese of Boston for nearly 60 years.

James M. Murphy '45, JD'54, of North Andover on November 30, 2007.

William F. Naylor '43 of Hyannis on March 23, 2008. He was a teacher in the Barnstable public schools and a World War II Navy veteran.

Everett L. Noonan '40 of Westbrook, CT, on January 29, 2008. A World War II Marine Corps veteran who survived Iwo Jima, he was an international banker.

J. Philip O'Connell '44 of Framingham on February 6, 2008. He was a World War II Navy veteran.

John W. O'Grady '44 of Winchester on January 23, 2008. He was an Army major during the Korean War and an obstetrician and gynecologist.

Arthur B. O'Leary '48 of Fort Myers, FL, on January 15, 1998.

Thomas G. O'Leary '42 of Arlington on February 9, 2008.

B. Joseph O'Neil '43 of Roslindale on March 2, 2008. A World War II Navy veteran, he was a librarian at the Boston Public Library.

Virginia F. Sapienza '49, MA'51, of Framingham on March 8, 2008. She was a music teacher at MassBay Community College.

Rev. Walter Stocklosa, MA'44, of Lowell on February 1, 2008. Ordained a priest in 1940, he served in many Massachusetts parishes.

James F. Sullivan '44 of Dedham on February 7, 2008. He was FBI Agent.

Joseph J. Waters '40 of Baltimore, MD, on September 21, 2007. He was a World War II Navy veteran.

Mary Bernard Weissner, OSF, '41, of Aston, PA, on April 5, 2005.

1950S

John H. Adams, JD'53, of Darien, CT, on February 26, 2008. He was an investment banker and World War II Navy veteran.

Robert J. Barry '54 of Foxborough on March 13, 2008. He was an area director for the Social Security Administration.

Peter J. Bodkin '58 of Vestavia, AL, on February 9, 2008. He was an FBI special agent for 33 years.

Thomas J. Brooks '51 of Canton on December 19, 2007. He is survived by his wife and four children.

Stephen J. Brunero, JD'52, of Governor's Hill, RI, on January 28, 2008. He was a Rhode Island state representative and a Korean War veteran.

Kevin J. Burke '50 of Alamo, CA, on January 8, 2008.

James A. Casey Jr. '50 of Malden on February 19, 2008. He is survived by his wife and six children.

Everett N. Cobb, MS'51, of Bethesda, MD, on February 12, 2008. An Air Force veteran, he was a dentist and taught at Georgetown University's dental school.

William D. Coffey '51 of Bridgeport, CT, on December 31, 2007. He was cofounder, CEO, and president of Latex Foam Products.

Joseph A. Coleman '58, M.Ed.'70, of Marblehead on February 21, 2008. He was a school teacher and Vietnam War veteran.

Francis P. Conley '51 of Naples, FL, on January 16, 2008. A former General Electric employee, he is survived by five children.

William G. Connors, MSW'47, of Manchester, NH, on March 23, 2008. He was a World War II Marine Corps veteran.

David F. Cronin '58 of Pembroke on August 8, 2002. He was an associate commissioner of vocational and occupational education for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

James A. Daley '50 of Danvers on February 1, 2008. He was a general in the Army Reserves and the principal of Breed Junior High School.

Rev. Owen W. Daley, SJ, '53 of New York, NY, on April 10, 2007.

Anthony Debaggis Jr., MSW'53, of Cleveland, OH, on September 3, 2007.

Joseph F. Devlin '50, MA'59, of Marshfield on January 13, 2008. He was a Boston public school teacher.

Mary O. Ethier, M.Ed.'59, of Black Mountain, NC, on December 22, 2007. She taught at nursing schools in Worcester and Boston.

Elizabeth A. Folan '56 of Woburn on February 28, 2008. A World War II Navy veteran, she was a school nurse in Woburn.

Walter R. Foley '52, MS'56, of Andover on March 10, 2008. He was a defense engineer.

Paul T. Ford, JD'53, of Venice, FL, on December 29, 2007. He practiced law in Amherst for 47 years.

M. Camille Gagnon, SP, '53 of Holyoke on June 21, 2007.

M. Patricia Gibson '58 of Shrewsbury, formerly of Milton, on March 18, 2008.

George F. Gloster '53 of North Adams on February 11, 2008. A World War II Army Air Corps veteran, he taught mathematics at North Adams State College.

Edward G. Goulart '52, MBA'65, of Cambridge on February 9, 2008. He was a World War II Army veteran.

Fred Grabowsky, JD'58, of Severna Park, MD, on January 15, 2008. He was an officer in the Marine Corps and an attorney.

Bishop Daniel A. Hart '56 of Westerly, RI, on January 14, 2008. Former Bishop of Norwich, he was instrumental in establishing the diocese's Catholic Foundation.

Thomas J. Hennessey '51 of Methuen on March 5, 2008. An Air Force veteran and pilot, he later started his own software company.

William P. Heslin '51 of Atlanta, GA, on March 5, 2008. A Korean War veteran, he was a mortgage specialist with State Street Bank, Citibank, and Bank of America.

J. Paul Hickey '52 of Middletown, CT, on December 7, 2007. He was a district manager for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Philip L. Hurley, JD'51, of Framingham on March 17, 2008. He was an employee of Northrop Grumman and Raytheon.

Charles J. Keohan, MSW'58, of Plymouth on March 8, 2008. He is survived by his wife and 10 children.

Paul C. Kiley '53 of Plymouth on January 27, 2008. He leaves his wife and two children.

James J. Kilgallon '54, MA'55, of Osprey, FL, on February 12, 2008. He was an advisor to the labor movement.

Rev. Robert W. Kirchmeyer, MA'50, of Quincy on February 26, 2008. He was pastor of St. Alphonsus Church in Beverly.

Paul F. Kopaczynski '58 of Boston on May 9, 2005.

Louis J. Ladas '50 of Hanover on January 29, 2008. He was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran and an aerospace engineer.

James J. Lawler '54 of Franklin on February 2, 2008. He is survived by six children.

John J. Leary Jr. '55, MAT'57, of Scituate on March 16, 2008. He is survived by his wife and six children.

Joseph M. Lennon '50 of Eastport, ME, on March 3, 2008.

Ellen Nelson Leone NC'59 of Needham on March 15, 2008. A teacher, she is survived by her husband and three stepchildren.

Edwin J. Loschi '50 of Reading on February 23, 2008. He is survived by his wife and four children.

Margaret V. MacDonald '53 of Weymouth on November 2, 2007.

Thomas D. Mahoney '51 of Studio City, CA, on February 24, 2008. A World War II Army veteran, he had a long career with Thiokol Chemical Corporation.

Marion F. Malinowski '55 of Duxbury on September 10, 1992.

Charles Manoli '58 of Yarmouth on December 22, 2007. A Navy veteran, he is survived by his wife and two children.

Ruth Eileen McCarthy '59 of West Hartford, CT, on March 14, 2006.

Gerard L. McElaney '59, MBA'66, of Norwalk, CT, on February 18, 2008. A former financial analyst, he worked in the publishing industry.

Isabel V. McFadden, MSW'52, of Akron, OH, on February 1, 2008. She was a Catholic Service League employee.

John J. McHale '52 of Newton on January 7, 2008. He was a World War II veteran and founder of Litho Products, Inc.

Francis J. McNulty Jr. '52 of Cohasset on April 26, 2007.

Thomas J. McQuillan '57 of Medfield on January 16, 2008. He was an executive in the paper industry.

Clare Cunningham Mullen '56, M.Ed.'58, of Sudbury on February 18, 2008. She was a special education teacher in Sudbury.

Thomas P. Nee '55 of Westwood on February 24, 2008.

Thomas A. Neylon Jr., M.Ed.'55, of Lowell on December 20, 2006.

Edwin B. Niemeyer '56, MA'59, of Marblehead on January 3, 2008. He leaves his wife and three children.

Rev. William J. O'Halloran, SJ, '51, MA'52, of Worcester on February 26, 2008. He was the first chair of the psychology department at the College of the Holy Cross.

Joseph S. Oliverio '54 of Norwood on March 4, 2008. He was a director of computer acquisition at Hanscom Air Force Base.

Edward P. O'Rourke '51 of Commerce, MI, on July 12, 2007.

Anthony J. Palmerino, JD'59, of Waltham on March 7, 2008. He was a teacher at Waltham High School.

Francis P. Powers, M.Ed.'50, D.Ed.'60, of Ashland on March 18, 2008. A World War II Army veteran, he taught at BC, Newton College, and Fitchburg State College.

Richard N. Raher '51 of Leominster on March 20, 2008. An avid BC sports fan, he is survived by his wife and a brother.

Paul J. Reardon '52 of Lawrenceville, NJ, on December 12, 2007. A nuclear physicist, he

contributed to the development of magnet technology, used in MRI machines.

Beverly Blake Ricci '59 of Worcester on December 14, 2007. She was an administrative secretary to former Massachusetts Governor Foster Furcolo.

Helen Norton Rogers '50 of Medford on March 20, 2008. She was a nurse at Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital. **Richard A. Savage** '51 of Nahant on December 20, 2007. He was a manufacturers representative in the housewares industry. **James A. Scollin** '50 of Royal Oak, MI, on June 29, 2006.

Daniel C. Shea '51 of Oakland, CA, on February 6, 2008. A World War II Army veteran, he was a senior vice president and general counsel for Eureka Federal Savings and Loan. **Thomas Robert Shea** '54 of Sherman, TX, on July 21, 2007. He was an ophthalmologist. **Harold P. Simonds, Jr.** '55 of Stoneham on February 24, 2008. He is survived by his wife and five children.

Paul F. Smith '53 of Raynham on August 18, 2001.

Jane Catherine Sullivan, SND, MA '51, of Ipswich on March 22, 2008. A Sister of Notre Dame, she taught history.

Robert J. Sullivan '58 of East Greenwich, RI, on July 1, 1984.

John R. Totin '57 of Corpus Christi, TX, on November 9, 2007.

Edwin L. Vandenberghe Sr. '56 of Foxborough on February 24, 2008. A basketball player at BC, he owned and operated TruLine Builders.

Robert L. Vetere '54, of Danvers on February 16, 2005.

Walter D. Wekstein, JD '58, of Boston on January 11, 2008. He is survived by his wife and three children.

1960s

Jean O'Neill Angleton '60 of Natick on December 18, 2007. She was a nurse for 40 years at Leonard Morse Hospital.

Marcia Fenlon Basso '61 of Bradford on February 13, 2008. She is survived by her husband and two children.

Annmarie Bray Bottomley NC '67 of Wells, VT, on November 18, 2007.

Noreen C. Cappuccino '68 of Foxborough on January 15, 2008.

Laurence J. Clinton '64 of Oakland, CA, on June 16, 2007.

William A. Cotter, JD '60, of Hull on March 8, 2008. He was an attorney in Boston.

Kathryn Grant Coyne, M.Ed. '60, of Hollis, NH, on March 19, 2008. She is survived by her husband and two children.

John J. Creeden III '65 of Hudson, NH, on January 8, 2008. He was a program manager and director for BAE Systems.

Rev. Francis J. Crowley, M.Ed. '63, of Attleboro on March 8, 2008. Ordained in 1953, he served in several parishes in the Boston area.

Richard J. Dacey '64 of Lowell on March 12, 2008. He was a high-school teacher.

Gertrude A. Dermody '61 of Taunton on November 18, 2006.

George A. Didden III '67 of Chevy Chase, MD, on December 21, 2007. He was chairman and CEO of the National Capital Bank of Washington.

Edward J. Downes '65 of Chelsea on March 11, 2008. He is survived by two daughters.

Margaret Burns Ferrari NC '63, MA '68, of West Newton on January 26, 2008. She was a teacher in BC's English Department.

Kevin P. Funchion '64 of Amesbury on March 4, 2008. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Margaret Brennan Gardiner, MAT '62, of Waltham on January 22, 2008. She leaves her husband and four children.

Robert E. Galli '67 of Hartford, CT, on January 23, 2008. A Vietnam War Air Force veteran, he was an attorney for United Technologies Corporation.

Philip E. Gibbons, MA '61, of Delmar, NY, on December 30, 2007. He was a high-school mathematics teacher in New York and Florida.

James P. Gilligan '60 of Peabody on January 9, 2008. He is survived by his daughters.

John M. Gorman '60 of Uncasville, CT, on March 4, 2008. He was an oceanographic engineer with the Naval Underwater Warfare Center.

Teresa A. Hamrock, MA '65, of Milton on January 8, 2008. She was a teacher and headmistress in the Boston public schools.

Donald J. Hill '66 of Kingston on February 13, 2008. He is survived by his wife and three children.

Walter F. Kelle '62 of Singerlands, NY, on October 14, 2007.

Lawrence A. Kelly, MS '61, of Sebastian, FL, on February 15, 2008. He was a research scientist for several pharmaceutical companies.

Peter J. Kenny '66 of Hartford, CT, on March 14, 2008. He was director of bilingual education for the East Hartford Board of Education.

William F. Leehive Jr. '62 of Mays Landing, NJ, on December 20, 2007. He was a finance industry consultant for Fidelity Bank and General Motors Acceptance Corporation.

William T. Luddy '60 of Middleboro on January 15, 2008. He was the founder and owner of Bay State Bus Corporation.

Aline Marie Madore, SCIM, M.Ed. '63, of Biddeford, ME, on December 19, 2007. She was a teacher and a high-school principal. **Irene Miller Marcoux** '64, M.Ed. '85, of Woburn, on February 21, 2008. She is survived by two daughters.

James M. McCourt Jr. '62 of Fort Lauderdale, FL, on March 23, 2007.

Rev. Edward J. McDonough, CSSR, M.Ed. '62, of Boston on February 11, 2008. A Redemptorist Father, he was the director of Healing Ministry.

Robert E. Murphy '60 of Westfield, IN, on March 20, 2008.

Robert J. Myette '69 of South Windsor, CT, on November 7, 1995.

George W. Noone '61 of Somerville on March 6, 2008. He was a managing partner at Avery, Dooley, Post & Avery in Belmont. **James F. O'Connor Jr.** '66 of Somers, CT, on December 27, 2007.

Barbara Luty Patla, MA '60, of Southington, CT, on February 3, 2008. She was a Latin teacher at several high schools in Connecticut. **Eleanor Petrocelli** '60 of Hull on January 24, 2008. She was a nurse at Hull Medical Center.

Robert F. Pisinski '65 of Hingham on March 22, 2008. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Frank Rocco, M.Ed. '63, of Winona, MN, on March 5, 2008. He was a professor in the special education department at Winona State University.

Lisa Zintl Russell NC '67 of Westerly, RI, on November 12, 2007. She was a an English language instructor.

Robert L. Sherlock '65 of Los Angeles, CA, on November 21, 2005.

Sophie B. Slezak, SP, '60 of Holyoke on December 11, 2007. A Sister of Providence, she was a nurse for 45 years.

John H. Spencer '68 of Medford on October 19, 2006.

Donald R. Stewart '63 of Wendell on November 2, 2000.

Daniel J. Sullivan '61 of White Plains, NY, on November 4, 2007.

Richard D. Sweeney '60 of Hingham on March 20, 2008. He was director of trade development for the Massachusetts Port Authority.

Martha E. Healey Swissler NC '63 of Chelmsford on November 8, 2007.

Robert L. Teagan, JD '67, of North Conway, NH, on February 29, 2008. He was a vice president and general counsel for Jordan Marsh in Boston.

Allan E. Tompson '65 of Rehoboth on March 10, 2008. He was a high-school math teacher.

Leonard K. Toomey '63 of New York, NY, on December 15, 1990.

May E. Turyn, MA'67, of Newton Centre on August 3, 1996.

Dale F. Urbanik '66 of Osterville on February 14, 2008. He is survived by his father.

Karl A. Wesolowski, MA'67, of Newburyport on January 31, 2008. He was an economics professor at Salem State College.

David H. Wring '60 of Cape Cod on December 25, 2007. He was a marketing, sales, and public relations manager for New England Telephone and AT&T.

Chiyoko Yamamoto NC'65 of Tokyo, Japan, on September 1, 2007.

1970s

Carol Hamill Cauley '75 of Wellesley on January 25, 2008. She was a nurse and administrator at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

John J. Coffey NC'75 of Newton on January 8, 2008. He was a Newton police officer.

Barbara Dewey, SSND, M.Ed.'70, of Wilton, CT, on March 5, 2008. She was principal of Mother Caroline Academy in Dorchester. Richard H. Friedman, JD'77, of Albany, NY, on December 30, 2007. He was a partner at Ganz Wolkenbreit & Friedman LLP.

Robert W. Greitzer, MBA'70, of Pequannock, NJ, on January 28, 2008. A captain in the Army, he ran his own manufacturing business.

David J. Kenney '73 of Fitchburg on February 26, 2008. He was a technical writer for SeaChange International.

Nancy King, JD'72, of Lincoln on December 18, 2007. She was an executive director of South Middlesex Legal Services in Framingham.

Kevin N. MacKinnon '75 of Milton on November 2, 2007.

Richard A. MacKler, MAT'76, of Newton Highlands on March 9, 2008. He was a computer programmer and math teacher at Newton North High School.

Anne Marie A. Marano, MSW'77, of Barre, VT, on January 10, 2007.

William T. McAuliffe '72 of Cohasset on January 20, 2008. He was a financial advisor for several investment firms.

Michael J. McKenna '76 of Portland, ME, on December 13, 2007. An insurance underwriter, he ran the Boston Marathon eight times. Dorothy Gay McKenzie, MSW'73, of Newburyport on January 28, 2008. She was a clinical social worker with a practice in Newburyport.

Dale Redmond '75, of Mesa, AZ, on January 18, 2008. He is survived by his sister.

Evelyn M. Reed, MA'75, of Chico, CA, on January 15, 2007.

Matthew Bruce Sandler, MS'75, of Franklin on February 6, 2008. He is survived by his wife and son.

Ronald A. Turner, M.Ed.'71, of Sacramento, CA, on November 25, 2007. A teacher, he specialized in assisting the disabled.

Joseph Walczak, M.Ed.'78, of Las Vegas, NV, on November 19, 2007. He was a special education teacher and clinical psychologist.

1980s

Alfred David Alvarez, JD'83, of Rahway, NJ, on January 12, 2008. He was an attorney for the Sansone Auto Group in Avenel.

Marilyn L. Bailen '83 of Newton on March 14, 2008. She leaves behind three children.

Angela Ellen Butt '83 of Arlington, VA, on March 17, 2008. She was an analyst for the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Brian R. Campbell '83 of Montgomery, OH, on March 11, 2008. He was CFO and senior vice president of finance at Reading Rock Inc. Deborah T. Carter '81 of Raeford, NC, on July 25, 2007.

Patricia J. Hagadorn, MBA '87, of Ballston Lake, NY, on January 14, 2008. She was a merchandising specialist for Macy's and Home Depot.

Diane S. Iudica '80 of Palermo, NJ, on February 15, 2008. She was a teacher in the Ventnor City and Somers Point public schools.

Lisa Leon '89 of Port Jefferson, NY, on February 7, 2008.

Michael K. Martin '80 of Manchester, CT, on December 28, 2007. He was a computer operating system software specialist for IBM, Digital, Compaq, and HP.

Richard P. Martin '80 of Cambridge on January 30, 2008. He is survived by his sister.

Mildred P. Noble '84 of Boston on January 19, 2008. She was a writer and a Native American activist.

Ellen T. O'Connor '81 of Pittsburgh, PA, on June 14, 2003.

Harry J. Ogrinc '85 of Norwalk, CT, on March 4, 2008. He was a product management specialist with Dictaphone Corporation, Highpoint, and Ikon Communications.

Robert M. Turcotte '85 of Holliston, formerly of Newton, on January 13, 2008.

Denise Marie Woods, MS'86, of Wells, ME, on January 10, 2008. She was a nurse at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Brighton.

1990s

Laura Marie Andrews, MA'96, of Seattle, WA, on March 3, 2008. She was a human resources

manager at the University of Washington. Joseph J. Lyons Jr. '90 of Newton on July 8, 2007.

Michael Edward Murray, MA'92, of Taunton on March 17, 2008. He was a deacon at the Immaculate Conception Parish, Taunton, and St. Mary's Parish, Norton.

William Cray Oehmler '93 of New York, NY, on February 4, 2008. A sailing and lacrosse enthusiast, he is survived by his wife, his parents, and four siblings.

Katrina Rooney, CSJ, MA'90, of Hamilton, Ontario, on September 19, 2007.

Keith Charles Ryan, JD'95, of Silver Spring, MD, on January 28, 2008. He was an attaché for the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency.

Henry J. Thornton, JD'91, of Frederick, MD, on February 20, 2008. He was a contract attorney for Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP.

2000s

Jonathan F. Greatorex '00 of Brookline on December 19, 2007.

FACULTY AND STAFF DEATHS

- Mike Holovak '43, head coach of the football team from 1951 to 1959, on January 27, 2008, at age 88. He is survived by his wife Pauline; daughters Michele Harrison and Cindy Oatess; and three grandchildren.
- John Durkin, a former bookstore manager who left Boston College in 1996 after 19 years, on March 17, 2008, at age 77. He is survived by his wife, Patricia.
- Arnold Perry, a custodian from 1980 to 1995, on January 19, 2008, at age 74. He is survived by his wife Pauline; brother James; son Arnold; daughters Joy Perry and Gina Levins; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The obituary section is compiled from national listings and notices from family members and friends of alumni. The section includes only the deaths reported to us since the previous issue of Boston College Magazine. Please send information to: Office of University Advancement, More Hall 220, 140 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, MA 02467.

ADVANCEMENT

INVESTING IN BOSTON COLLEGE'S FUTURE

GRAY MATTERS

Emotion is intrinsic to the human condition, but little is known about how we experience our feelings. Do we all become afraid, angry, or surprised in the same way? What role do context and language play in how we perceive, and express, how we feel? Faculty at Boston College are helping find answers to these and related questions by applying neuroscience to the study of emotion, which has traditionally been the sole domain of psychologists.

"We're essentially trying to understand the nature of emotion," explains Psychology Professor Lisa Feldman Barrett, who received a five-year, \$2.5 million "Pioneer" award from the National Institutes of Health last fall to support her research. "By looking at what the brain is doing when you feel afraid, for example, we can better understand the

decisions or actions you take as a result."

Through functional magnetic resonance imaging (or brain scans), Barrett tracks changes in blood flow in the brain when subjects experience different emotions. This study of brain activity is one form of neuroscience, a highly interdisciplinary field that uses biological, chemical, and physical principles to analyze the nervous system.

Barrett's interest in understanding how the brain produces emotional states is just one example of how Boston College faculty are integrating neuroscience with their research. Her colleagues in the psychology department are investigating the neurobiology of maternal behavior, eating patterns, memory, and motivation. Meanwhile, biologists are researching the molecular



MATTHEW HAKOLA

Professor Lisa Feldman Barrett uses functional magnetic resonance imaging to study the brain activity behind emotion. She's one of many BC faculty who integrate neuroscience with their research.

make-up of genes and proteins involved in the nervous system, and computer scientists are analyzing how neural networks can be altered to bring about faster learning.

"The brain is at the center of everything we experience, from the feelings we have to

the decisions we make to the actions we undertake. Creating a better understanding of how the brain works promotes interdisciplinary research amongst students and faculty and will prove useful in a variety of academic fields," notes Barrett.

AN ENDURING CONNECTION

Joan and James Peck's son, Andrew '01, embraced the Jesuit ideal of *cura personalis*, or "care for the person," during his years at the Heights. Andrew was an avid golfer, played basketball in his spare time, and loved cheering for the Red Sox. He was also a Dean's List student and aspired to attend medical school after graduation. During winter break of his senior year, however, Andrew was killed in a car accident on icy roads while returning from a ski trip near his home in Portland, Oregon.

To honor their son's life, the couple established the Andrew R. Peck Memorial Scholarship Fund at Boston College last year. The endowed fund will provide a four-year scholarship to a pre-med student who's demonstrated academic excellence and is in need of financial assistance. Such scholarships also help BC meet its goal to increase endowed financial aid, which is especially important given that the University accepts students based on their potential to succeed and not on their ability to afford tuition.

"Andrew loved the academic challenge of BC and the friends that he made there," says Joan. "Our daughter, Jennifer, had a similarly positive experience. Therefore, we wanted to give other students the opportunity to receive a BC education."

Immediately after Andrew's death, the Pecks were struck by the support the BC community provided. More than 500 students and faculty gathered to celebrate his life at a service in St. Ignatius Church, while Campus Ministry's Fr. Donald MacMillan flew to Portland to uphold BC tradition by representing the University at Andrew's memorial there.

"Fr. MacMillan's visit meant a lot to us," says Jim. "He gave a wonderful talk at the service and his presence was very comforting. We also appreciate the way BC remembered Andrew on campus."

To this day, the Pecks keep in regular touch with Andrew's three closest friends from BC. "They are all great people and they have become part of our family," says Joan. "Our continued connection with them is a testament to the power of the BC community."



James J. Mahoney Jr. '65
with wife Sarah Ann.

WHAT CHANGES AT BC HAVE YOU WITNESSED OVER THE YEARS?

When I was an undergrad, the vast majority of students were commuters from Boston and the surrounding towns. Today, you can probably count the number of commuters on two hands. While it's true that Boston College has grown into a large, national university, I find it more significant that BC has maintained its Jesuit identity throughout all the changes. I'm a strong believer in BC because it provides a great education that is rooted in a very solid ethical foundation.

WHAT MAKES YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT BC'S FUTURE?

I'm very excited about BC's Institutional Master Plan and the path that President Leahy has set for the University. I'm particularly proud of BC's initiative to nurture scientific research, especially undergraduate research, on campus. And, personally, I'm already part of the University's future because I support BC today. I'm happy to cheer the men's hockey team as a season ticket holder, but being an alum means doing so much more than that. My wife, Sarah Ann, and I make an annual gift to the BC Fund and we're also patrons of the McMullen Museum of Art. We've additionally demonstrated our commitment by becoming members of the Shaw Society Steering Committee and making a planned gift to BC. By supporting the University philanthropically, we're helping BC achieve its aspirations for the future.

VISIT WWW.BC.EDU/ALUMNI/MAHONEY.HTML FOR MORE OF MAHONEY'S STORY.

DID YOU KNOW...

Gasson Hall has been undergoing exterior restoration since spring 2007. The historic project is expected to be completed for the Gothic icon's 100th birthday in 2013.

The building's initial construction was made possible by Boston College's strongest supporters at the turn of the last century:

- On January 20, 1908, more than 800 BC graduates and friends answered the call to support construction of the new Chestnut Hill campus and pledged \$50,000 for the first buildings. Supporters gave an additional \$137,000 only a month later.
- During the summer months, large fairs or "garden parties" were held on the future campus to raise money.
- On June 19, 1909, Alumni Association President Eugene A. McCarthy hosted one such gathering that drew more than 30,000 people. That afternoon Fr. Gasson ceremonially broke ground on the site where Gasson Hall was to be built.

Throughout the years, financial support from alumni and friends has shaped the BC landscape and made a critical difference in the development of new academic programs and facilities. For more information about giving to BC, please visit www.bc.edu/give or call 888-752-6438.

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FAST FORWARD

by Chris Berdik

Watching the river flow

California's Death Valley, a sun-baked desert that averages just two inches of rain a year, may be the last place one would expect to find a scientist who studies rivers. But it's this very scarcity of water that makes the locale fascinating to Noah Snyder, a Boston College assistant professor of geology and geophysics, who specializes in how rivers respond to changes in their surroundings—both to gradual shifts of climate and topography and to sudden disruptions such as dam construction.

The bedrock in Death Valley is relatively soft and covered with very little vegetation and soil. As a result, the impact of a steady rain on the landscape is dramatic. Sudden flows of water spread sand and gravel across normally bone-dry washes, and the bedrock “almost literally melts,” says Snyder. The geologist is engaged in an ongoing research project that focuses on the effects of the 1941 diversion of a desert wash known as Furnace Creek, on the eastern side of Death Valley National Park. Because of the area's sensitivity to rain, he says, changes have occurred across six decades that would take thousands of years to unfold in a less extreme ecosystem. Findings have been published in the February 2008 issue of the journal *Geology*.

The National Park Service diverted Furnace Creek Wash after two floods in 1939 and 1941 heavily damaged the downstream village of Furnace Creek. Since then, the narrow canyon of Gower Gulch, which runs west from the wash to the floor of Death Valley, has born the brunt of the flash floods that flow down from the Funeral Mountains every couple of years. “You could view the dam-building as ‘climate change,’” says Snyder, “because the narrow Gower Gulch was accustomed to one ‘climate,’ with very little flow and very little water, and then, after the diversion, it suddenly experiences a much greater flow of water and sediment.”

Working with Lisa Kammer, MS'05, Snyder tracked the transformation in Gower Gulch that ensued after the dam's construction by analyzing five sets of aerial photographs taken between 1948 and 1995 by the U.S. Geological Survey, as well as the results of a 2005 airborne laser mapping survey sponsored by the National Center for Airborne Laser Mapping (a National Science

Foundation research center), which recorded elevations in the wash and gulch every square meter; in 2005 Snyder and Kammer took their own on-the-ground measurements of channel width every 25 meters, and assessed the size of sediment grains in the channel bed.

They studied the area in sections, stretching from Furnace Creek Wash and a series of waterfalls just below the dam, through the upper and lower gulch to the alluvial fan where the gulch empties into the bottom of Death Valley. What they found, says Snyder, was that flowing water sliced deeply into the rock of the

upper, steeper section of the gulch, but it spread more sediment in the gulch's lower, flatter sections, widening the channel in the lower gulch by 33 feet on average, or 66 percent. (The upper gulch experienced some widening, too, expanding by an average of 20 feet, or 50 percent.)

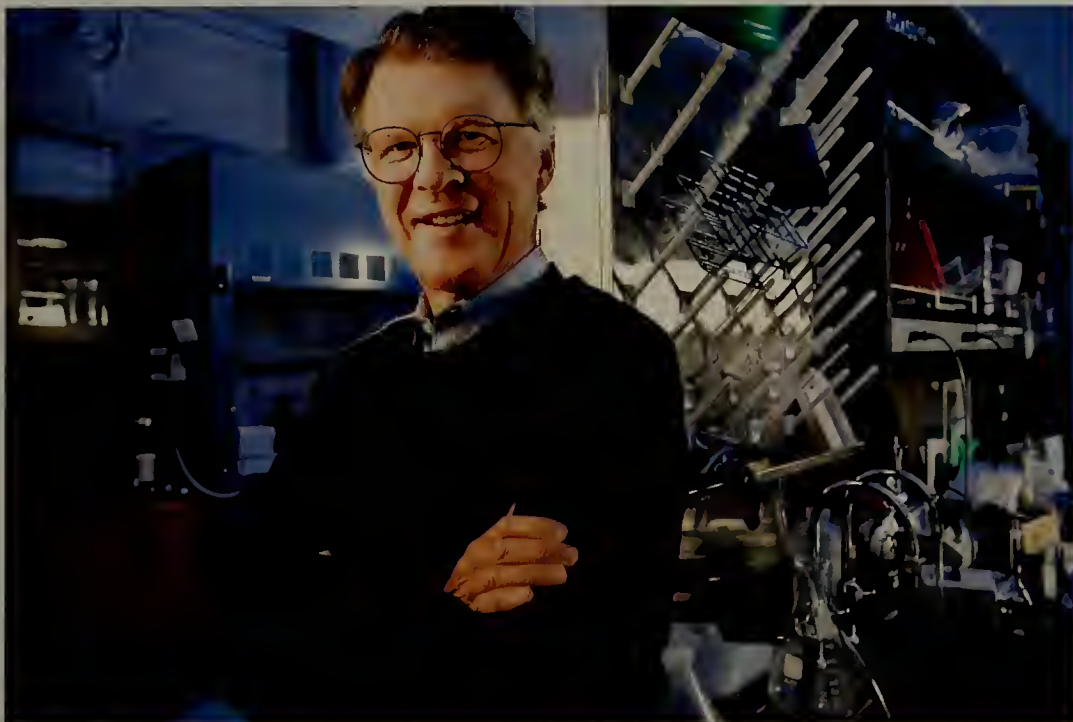
“It's interesting, because I think a lot of people would have assumed that the whole thing would just be eroding like crazy,” says Snyder. These results indicate how important the pre-existing valley slope and initial

scatterings of sediment are when a river's normal flow is disturbed. “As soon as you start getting deposition of sediment, you're not going to erode the bed,” Snyder explains. Instead, “the water flow attack[s] the channel walls.”

According to Kammer, who is now an environmental consultant based in the Boston area, construction of the Furnace Creek dam gave the researchers a rare “real-world laboratory”—isolated from extraneous influences (development, agriculture) that affect rivers elsewhere, and with historical data available to serve as a control. Scientists can use the findings to test the physics-based computer models currently employed to forecast long-range evolution of rivers and topographical change. Snyder has used such models in his studies of New England rivers impacted by reforestation, stream restoration, fish reintroduction, and dam removal, research that last year earned him an Early Career Development grant from the National Science Foundation.

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Dervan, in his Caltech research laboratory

A day at the races

by Suzanne Mantell

Science medalist Peter Dervan '67, H'97

Last July, in a ceremony in the East Room of the White House, Peter Dervan, the Bren Professor of Chemistry at the California Institute of Technology, received the country's highest award for scientific achievement, the National Medal of Science. The presidential citation noted "his fundamental research contributions at the interface of organic chemistry and biology" and his "influence in education and industrial innovation."

In his Caltech office—overlooking a grassy quad, and dominated by a two-foot-high cast-metal sculpture of a DNA double helix (commissioned by his students and postdocs)—Dervan speaks with cheerful deliberateness of his early "good fortune" at working as an undergraduate researcher with BC professor Francis Bennett, in synthetic organic chemistry. The experience propelled him to pursue a Ph.D. at Yale instead of the Peace Corps. Research, he says, became "like going to the racetrack every day. I enjoyed the risk." A short post-doctoral stint at Stanford followed, then an offer from Caltech, where he became an assistant professor at 28. His wife, Jacqueline Barton, is a Caltech chemist, too, and the recipient of a MacArthur fellowship and the Linus Pauling Medal.

Dervan's early work at Yale, in physical

organic chemistry, involved studying how chemical bonds are made and broken. He read all the classic papers and realized he was tilling a mature field. "I needed to find a problem of importance and complexity, something audacious," he says. He hit on the topic of molecular recognition in biological systems. "Today it's hot," he observes, but "30 years ago, it seemed as if I was going off a cliff with my career." The challenge he set was to develop molecules that would modulate gene expression.

Dervan goes to the blackboard and draws a cell with its nucleus and DNA. "Could the molecules we [he and his Caltech team] invented—DNA binding polyamides—be used to inhibit transcription factor/DNA interfaces in the promoters of selected genes and alter the biological software code for transcription?" The answer, in cell culture experiments, turned out to be yes. "The dream," says Dervan, "is to reprogram aberrant gene expression in complex organisms" and ultimately in humans. "I come to work excited every day," he says. "I am sobered by the thought that I may never get to finish, but that's the life of a research scientist—chapter after chapter of a story that is never finished."

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